

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Where Is Election Committee? ...

Are all the Committees of the Student Senate functioning as well as everyone believes?

The Student Life Committee suggested during its regular meeting April 12 that the Election Committee of the Senate meet and complete plans for holding an election of editors for Student Publications. This committee has not met!

The committee has prepared the qualifications for the Battalion editors, but it has not formulated qualifications for the editors of the Longhorn, Engineer, Commentator, Agriculturist, or Southwestern Veterinarian.

Of course, a list of qualifications can be prepared for these positions in a short while, but considerable time will be required for the Senate and the Student Life Committee to

meet and pass on the Election Committee's suggested requirements.

A system for holding the election has not been decided upon. Other than planning on an election similar to the Student Senate election last fall, the committee has given no joint thought to the idea.

Could the hold-up be because of the laxity of the Election Committee members or because they fail to realize and understand the responsibility of their position?

Student Publications, the students who plan to run for the positions, and the Student Body need the information that the Election Committee of the Senate has not provided.

Members of the Election Committee, are you discharging your duties as you should?

Fortifying the Moon ...

Is it true that if the American defense program is left solely to the military, they'll fortify the moon? That's what Secretary of Defense Forrestal told Senators this week.

What is so startling is not that military planners should be charged with inter-planetary defense schemes, but that the charge should be hurled by the top man in the United States military set-up. Something is wrong in Washington when such bitter phrases are publicly hurled about. Perhaps "unification" has only intensified inter-service rivalries, rather than ending them.

In the meantime, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower warns that the danger today is "that some stupid act may start a war—a stupid act that puts some nation in a position from which it cannot withdraw."

We have long been fearful that Russians in Germany or elsewhere in the world might pull some bone which would start a world conflict. Listening to the bickering on the Potomac, we aren't sure that the Reds have any monopoly of stupidity.

The Secretary of Defense testified to a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee in a new round of congressional hearings on the

66 vs. 70 group Air Force controversy. He is battling for a 66-group Air Force. A 70-group one is favored by some military men and has strong backing in Congress.

Under questioning from Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wy) Forrestal agreed that planning a 70-group Air Force could not be classed as "fortifying the moon."

But Forrestal insisted that a 66-group force promised "the best military results if our budget is to be limited." He said he has decided military spending must be limited.

Opposing a 70-group force, Forrestal argues it is necessary to keep a "balance" among Air Forces, Army and Navy. He put the argument in these words to the Senate group:

"In order for this (air) striking force to be capable of the swift use that we desire it to have, there must be, in as near instant readiness as possible, those supporting components of the Army and Navy which experience in World War II taught were as essential to the use of air power as that power itself."

Gambling vs. Sportsmanship ...

Athletic programs in schools and colleges took quite a beating from the pulpit in Dallas this past weekend. Originally these programs had as their purpose the building of character. Dr. Marshall T. Steel told his congregation at Highland Park Methodist Church (which adjoins the Southern Methodist University campus.) Now, Dr. Steel says, a coach who makes a decision on the basis of good sportsmanship is sometimes hooted by those in the grandstand whose main interest is not the game but their wagers.

Dr. Steel has touched there on a matter previously discussed, with some bitterness, by Relere Jack Sisco. We don't believe the plague that Dr. Steel and Sisco complain of has reached Kyle Field yet, and we hope it won't. But it is something to be deplored and feared.

The minister's charges, however, went further than football. He said that the American social structure is being undermined by amateur gambling at football games, in private clubs, on the radio, in public schools and at some churches.

"Keep Off the Grass" pleas on the University of Maine's campus have a new approach, the Associated Press reports. Here's what some of the newly posted signs say. "There was a little plot of grass which died of suffocation. Some co-eds and some college Joes walked here in meditation."

"The straight and narrow path is best. Stick to it, kids, the grass needs a rest." And this helpful hint: "Avoid grass stains."

Japanese scientists are making preparations to observe the May 9 eclipse of the sun. Yes, we know what your thought is.

Some of the bills showing up in the House of Representatives are causing spirited controversy. Some of the Easter ones showing up in other houses are adding the same thing.

It is just as lawless for a wealthy church member to participate in a lottery in the wealthy park cities adjacent to Dallas as it is for a poor man to play a slot machine in the poor section of West Dallas, he said in two sermons Sunday.

He said that students sold tickets in a lottery for a carnival at Highland Park Junior High School to raise money for band uniforms.

"If it is wrong for Negro boys to shoot craps in Deep Ellum (a Dallas section), it is wrong for our school children to sell chances to try to win a motor scooter," Dr. Steel declared.

He said that clubs now seem to think it necessary to attach financial arrangements to recreation such as cards and golf. He asserted that radio, instead of developing entertainment talent, seems to be drifting more and more into the "get something for nothing" channel.

Is sportsmanship ceasing to be a part of the "American Way?" Has everything become just a "racket" to the participant? You answer that one. We can't.

Washington dispatch, which says the amount of money in the people's hands has decreased more than a billion dollars since Christmas, gives no information whatever as to whether Christmas had anything to do with it.

Last paragraph on a wedding story in the Mattoon (Ill.) Journal-Gazette and Commercial-Star: "Following a short business trip, Mr. and Mrs. C. . . . are making their home at 0000 Moultrie Ave."

Heading on the theater page in the Indianapolis (Ind.) Star: MR. COWARD'S SHORTS COLORFUL AS EVER.

Our Mr. Colby has warned that there is no "cow" in Moscow, and now he warns that there is no "goat" in Bogota.

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Weed Pulling Contest to Bring 'Good Old Days' to Young Folks

By CONRAD TWIGGINS

April 26, 1948 — Dear Diary — The shame of it all! Our Brazos County young'uns are growing into manhood and womanhood without ever having tasted the pleasures we old folks had back in the good ole days.

I have thought about the matter long and seriously and have decided to treat the young'uns to some of those good ole days.

Therefore, I am going to have an old-fashioned weed pulling contest the last part of this week. The weeds are on my farm between College Station and Wellborn. Now I don't want anyone to get the idea that I am just trying to get my farm weeded free. It's out of the goodness of my heart—I want the young'uns to enjoy themselves.

To make it sporting there will be a prize awarded for the grand champion weed puller, something useful, like a truck load of fertilizer perhaps. Of course there will have to be an entrance fee, but that's just to defer costs of mailing and handling.

Commissions Open in Marine Corps

Any male citizen of the United States, between the ages of twenty and twenty-five and who is a graduate of an accredited college or university, may make application for appointment to commissioned rank as a Second Lieutenant in the regular Marine Corps. Both married and single applicants are eligible.

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Letters

ANTI-BONUS Editor, The Battalion: Just who did Bob Poison and Ed Fisher represent when they went to Austin to attend the "Operation Bonus" convention? I have talked to quite a number of veterans and I have found only a very small minority in favor of the state bonus. I can't quite believe that these two men represented a majority of A&M veterans!

Civil Service Offers Positions

The Civil Service Commission announces examinations for filling vacancies in the positions of underwriting and insurance accounts officer and insurance examiner (lay medical approver) at entrance salaries ranging from \$3397.20 to \$5905.20 per year.

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