EDITORIALS

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TUE\$DAY, MAY 4, 1948

"Solder, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Sun-tans Have Real Virtues...

About a year ago, there was serious discussion among Aggies as to the advisability of having a special A&M uniform, rather than accepting US Army practice. The suggestion met with little approval. How wise that rejection was is shown by this editorial from the Clemson Tiger:

One year ago the cadet corps was in an uproar. "The emergency is over," its members complained, "so why should we go on wearing army uniforms? They look bad and they don't fit. In short, they ain't for us." Pre-war grays were proposed in most circles as the ideal solution to a bad situation.

A few minor prophets put forward a theory that, after all, the grave would usher in problems of their own. First, there was expense: the army uniform was being furnished for a flat rental of five dellars, plus the cost of any lost articles. Replacements or worn items were being furnished free of charge. And the quartermaster provided several articles whose prices would prohibit

Repeat for Mothers?

We hear that the English department would like to present the Agrie Players in a repeat performance of "Out Town" as its Mothers' Day display.

Considering that the Platers shot for the stars and actually hit them on this performance, we think it would be an excellent ittea.

The recently staged Thurnton Wilder drama is still fresh enough in the minds of the actors that only a brief rehearsal would be required to whip it back into top form.

"Our Town" would hand mely provide an English department displate in the same category as the physics department's, the AH department's and the aend departments. We think the visiting mother would appreciate seeing an example of how their offspring can make like John Barrymore if they're of a mind to.

Mom will see only the blokish side of Aggieland Saturday, afternion if "Our Town has its lights off.

More First-Run Pictures! . . .

First-run pictures at the Cambus and Guion Hall have been coming around more often of late: The latest Supreme Court decision against "monopolistic" distributing companies may make perminent the bles-

An earlier decision had allowed independent exhibitors to get in the bidding ring along with the big chain boys. This later de-gision may put all bidders on in even footing.

The court squabble started with a Phila-Melphia exhibitor who thought his profits were being unduly held down by the film companies' policies of selling preferentially to chains. He sued 'em he did So far he has been awarded \$375,000 for lost profits and still has an 8 million dollar suit on the

Here at home, our precations first-runs are almost certain to continue. And the quality of those we get might possibly improveby dint of a new distributor policy.

Maybe we disagreed on the Dred Scott decision or the NRA or portal-to-portal, but the Supreme Court has redefined itself with us on moving pictures. Hot log, Anna Kar-

And Now There Is Light . .

The nakedly self-conscious light globes that once lurked about the ceilings of the Academic and Agricultural Buildings are no

In their place there has bloomed forth an array of flourescent lights that illuminate without glare, that make blackboard writing visible without eye strain. Diabness in many of the classrooms, due to poor lighting, has been remedied.

Gone for good are the glaring eye-sores formerly used for illumination. And to this we say good riddance.

their being bought by the students them-selves. Included among these were summer uniforms.

True, the suntans were not pretty; but they were comfortable, and they did not cause so much prespiration during the warmer months of the year as to melt their creases.

These prophets were not heeded, at least in their own country. Today the corps is garbed in gray. Complaints are just about as much rampant as they were last year. The appearance of the corps has changed, yes. Nowadays only an expert could tell some cadets from a penitertiary road worker, and his decision would not be based upon appearance of clothing.

Hot weather and wool trousers do not make a good combination, and cotton uniforms are too expensive for addition to most cadets' wardrobes.

The appearance of the grays can be improved by regular pressing and cleaning. The cadet dorp's has made its bed; now it must not only lie in it, but try to get a little sleep

Election Year and UMT . . .

Scratch Universal Military Training off your future books.

Both houses of Congress have now passed military service acts, neither of which carry the original UMT idea into practice. had insisted on complete and im-The Senate Bill does provide reserve training for 18-year olds only, together with a draft for regular duty of older men. The House Bill provides a draft for services only.

Secretary Forrestal still believes that Universal Military Training is needed. He night. Legislation, particularly may be right. It was a dirty trick of the that adopted by college students, Russians, kicking up crisis after crisis in an simply could not erase customs and election year.

Defaulting Democracy . . .

Precinct conventions have come and gone and we are talking about locking the gate after the horse has been stolen. But there is a question of the democratic-ness of our precinct conventions.

All over the state last Saturday tragically ky, and Louisiana, present the folsmall groups of men and women gathered to lowing statement: choose delegates to the county conventions. They were a pitifully small segment of the qualified voters eligible to attend. But the others simply were not interested. This was true in College Station, as well as in the rest of Texas.

The precinct convention selects delegates to the county convention; the county convention names delegates to the state convention; and state picks national.

Those who didn't attend the precinct convention will have had nothing to say about choosing Democratic nominees for national office They merely endorse the ticket that in certain areas, which had dishas been set up for them by the interested cussed the discrimination problem;

And so it goes. If some people disagree the gradual acceptance by Southwith the selection they read on their ballots erners of Negro athletes competin the fall, the blame is their own. Demo- inglugainst whites; and the efforts cracy is more than just voting for candi- made to book colored shows for dates. It is also choosing candidates.

Army officials fear that the recent slump statement, when they said: in recruiting may use America to "lose face in world affairs." Of all things we stand to lose in world affairs, "face" is the one we wish our officials would worry about

Former Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia has a new book, "What the People Want." We don't know what the book is going to say but whatever it is the people want there will be plenty candidates to promise it.

The groom was decorated in pink, blue, and white streamers with a large umbrella suspended from the ceiling.—Kingston (N. Y.) Daily Freeman.

This headline appeared in the Washington Post Thursday, April 1: CATHOLIC VETERANS PLAN COMMUNISM BREAKFAST.

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AAUW Chapter To Organize

Plans for organizing a College Station-Bryan branch of the American Association of University Women were made at a general business meeting of local women Saturday afternoon.

branch of the association.

Southern Delegates State Views on NSA Constitution

In dealing with Negroes, Com-munists delegates had suffered a

temporary set-back. But NSA's

tie-up with the International Un-

ion of Students proved a boon for

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Although drafting the constitution of the National Student Association was the important object of the Madison convention, the statement of the southern delegates concerning educational discrimination in the South was means by which that mission was accom-

Delegates of Communist groups mediate elimination of segregation and discrimination. Southerners Marx-minded students. It would be attending the convention realized wise to investigate charges and that such a step would be impos- counter - charges thrown about by sible at this time. They knew that Communists and non-Communists practices regarding Negro educa- on the subject of the NSA and the tion could not be abolished over- IUS: traditions inherent in the South for many decades.

side-track Communist ob jections, black and white southerners decided to state their case on this touchy subject.

"We, the delegates from the southern regions of the USNSA. including Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentuc-

Please let it be understood: "1. That we favor equal education for all American citizens. regardless of race, color, political belief, or economic circum-

"2. That we have been working in this direction within our own regions since the Chicago Student Conference, although we were bound in no way as schools to take any action.

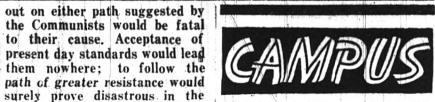
The report continues, pointing out the numerous interracial meetings, held against stiff opposition the region which had elected Negro officers to student organizations; campuses as cultural media.

In conclusion, the delegates clarified the whole point of their

We would like to make it clear that we intend to continue work in this direction within our own regions in the manner best suited and most opportune in each region. We feverently hope that you will realize that conditions vary in different parts of the South as they do in different parts of the North, and that the program cannot be the same in all southern regions."

-Arkansas Gazette gro delegates with a dilemma: either demand non-discrimination and non-segregation immediately as a prerequisite to adopting the constitution, or else continue as you are-second-rate citizens, receiving second-rate education.

The colored delegates grabbed the dilemma by the horns-because they knew that to strike



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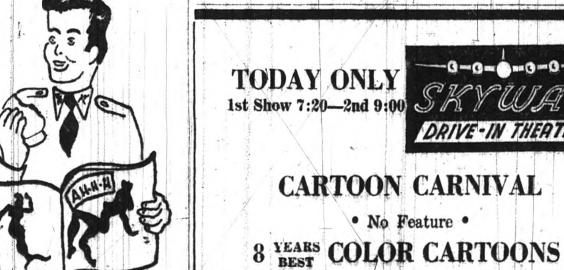
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Mrs. M. W. Wilcoxen of Galveston, State AAUW membership chairman, was the featured speak-er at the meeting held in the Col-lege YMCA. She gave the group information on the background and aims of the organization and in a general discussion period cleared up questions concerning member-ship in and organization of a new

Following the business meeting punch and cookies were served to approximately 100 women who at-

The organizational meeting for the new local branch will be held May 22 at 3 p. m. in the YMCA Assembly Room. At that time a constitution will be presented for adoption and officers will be elec-

Galveston Club To Make Pictures

The Galveston A&M Club will have its picture for the linghorn made Wednesday latternoon May 5, at 5:30 in front of the Ag Building, according to J. W. Moore, president of

the club. All members of the club are urged to be present, Hoore

Methodists To Honor Seniors

dinner will be given at 7 p. Wednesday at the College Station Methodist Church honoring all senior students of the church. The dinner will be sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Group, the Wesley Foundation and the Women's Society of Christian Service. Dr. Guy Wilson of the Methodist Church of Bryan will be the prin-

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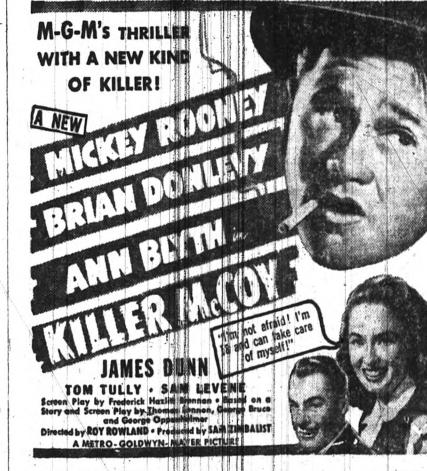
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