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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

ADVICE FROM MR. GREEDY



Exercise Without Exertion . . .

Batting Accuracy to Improve; Andrews Works Out A Gimmie

By J. C. FAILS

Since the era of the suspended corn cobs of Jimmy Fox's origination, baseball players have been looking for a way to get batting practice without chasing the ball.

Now there is a way, thanks to Paul M. Andrews, instructor of physical education at A&M. Andrews is not a lazy man, but he didn't like the idea of throwing and chasing baseballs for his two sons while they were taking batting practice. He devised a labor saving device which he named the "Andrews Portable Outdoor Combination Posts" when he applied for the patent.

The word "combination" comes into the name because of the variety of uses to which the poles may be adapted. They can serve as goal posts for football, net supports for various net games, suspension for golf practice, clotheslines, tent supports, and high jump and vault posts.

The invention, or "gimmie" as Andrews calls the device, consists of two upright posts of adjustable height with a reel attached to one, and a length of rope.

To use the gimmie for batting practice, a baseball is suspended from the rope stretched between the two posts by means of a movable ring. If two batters are available, one stands at each end and thus allows the necessity of walking from one end to the other. For golf the same principle applies except that the ball is suspended at a lower altitude.

The device has been inspected by George "Birdie" Tibbets, former catcher for the Detroit Tigers, who commented favorably on it, and Ohio Baseball Coach Stahl uses a similar device to develop a smooth swing in rookie baseball players.

Andrews says that several sporting goods concerns are scrambling for the rights to manufacture the gimmie commercially. Possibly one in the foreseeable future every man can be a Ted Williams if practice really will make perfect.

Del Rio Club to Elect

The Del Rio Club will elect officers for 1947-48 at a meeting to be held Thursday evening in the YMCA Chapel.

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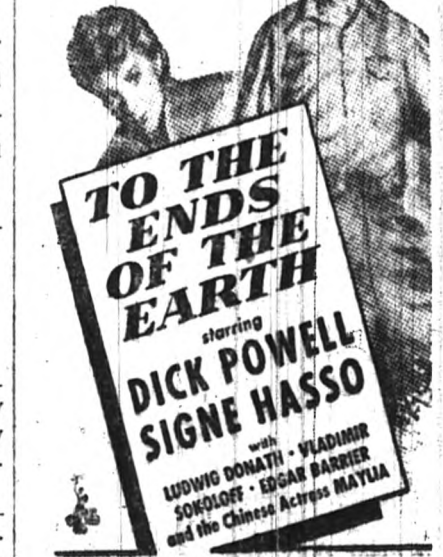
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"SITTING PRETTY"

"MATING OF MILLIE"

Arthur W. Melloh To Speak to Sigma Xi Club Thursday

Dr. Arthur W. Melloh, vice-director of the Engineering Experiment Station, will address the Sigma Xi Club, Thursday, May 13 at 8 p. m. in the Physics Lecture Room.

The subject of the address will be "Some Engineering Aspects of Speech and Hearing."

Dr. Melloh spent several years in the communication research laboratories of the Automatic Electric Company, Chicago and the Stromberg-Carlson Company, Rochester,

New York. He spent three and one-half years with the University of California, Division of War Research at the US Navy Radio and Sound Laboratory, San Diego. He received the Certificate of Commendation from the Navy Department for work done at the latter laboratory on underwater sound problems.

Dr. Melloh received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota and was a member of the teaching staff of the Department of Electrical Engineering of that institution for four years. He is a senior member of the Institute of Radio Engineers, a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and of Sigma Xi. The general public is invited to attend.

Civil Service Has Real Estate Jobs

Examinations for the positions of real estate officer at salaries ranging from \$3897.20 to \$4902 per annum have been announced by the Civil Service Commission.

Employment will be with the Galveston Engineer District. Application forms may be obtained from Roger Jackson at the College Station Post Office.

East Texans to Plan Party

Plans for a summer party will be made by the East Texas A&M Club Thursday night at 7:30 in the YMCA.

Is Russia Ready for Peace? . . .

How sincere is the Russian government's acceptance of the American bid for "decent and reasonable relationship"? Only time, and the actions that time brings forth, will tell us. But at least the discussions between the U. S. and Russia should help clarify Russian intentions—and perhaps clarify our intentions toward Russia.

American Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith has told Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov that "as far as the United States is concerned, the door is always open for full discussion and the composing of our differences." Smith followed this with the forthright assertion that the American people are solidly behind the United States policy toward Russia. Molotov is quoted by the Russian news agency Tass as replying:

"The Soviet government views favorably the desire of the government of the United States to improve relations and agrees to the proposal to proceed with this end in view to discussion and settlement of differences existing between us."

American diplomatic quarters are examining the Soviet reply with extreme caution.

So does Dewitt MacKenzie, Associated Press columnist, and he invites readers to do the same. One is reminded of the truism that words are the cheapest commodity on the market and that it's concrete actions which count.

All honest folk most certainly must wish for good results, but we should approach this test with realism. There is one basic fact which we cannot escape:

All the differences between the United States and Russia stem from the Soviet's cardinal policy of world revolution for the spread of Communism. That policy has existed ever since the establishment of the Bolshevik Regime in 1917. It is a vital part of the Communist program.

"We see the concrete effects of this policy in many countries throughout the world" MacKenzie warns. "It has even dominated the United Nations to such an extent that the work of the peace organization has been all but hamstringed. It is doing its best to throttle the Marshall Plan for rehabilitation of Europe. It is reaching for political control within the United States itself."

Aggieland World's Fair . . .

The A&M World's Fair. That's about what the All-College Day exhibits last Saturday amounted to. It was impossible for any one person to get around to all that was on display.

For the first time, the Arts & Sciences School joined with the Engineering and Agricultural Schools in the exhibits. Although by their very nature the departments under Arts & Sciences have less spectacular material to show than the Engineers with their machinery or the Agriculturists with their livestock, at least one department proved what can be done. The English department's exhibit showed improvement in letter and report writing and featured such extracurricular activities as publications, the Aggie Players and the Debate and Discussion Society. What the English department did, other departments should be able to do next year.

The Aggieband Folies of '48 proved to be the best revue ever staged here. In some ways it would perhaps be better for the Folies to come earlier in the season, so that it could go on tour. On the other hand, by separating from the All-College day, it would lose its original purpose.

Congratulations to all the committeemen who put in long hours working up the many features of All-College Day. But we hope to see this year's fine record beaten in 1949.

Children's Hospital Needed . . .

Although the third-highest state in the union in child population, Texas with all of its hospitals combined offers only 26 positions to interns and residents to prepare themselves to be specialists in the care of children. In this respect, Texas stands eleventh among the other states.

Although Texas stands third in total child population in the nation, the total of all of the beds available to children in hospitals especially designed to care for children, is 141. This ranks Texas as twelfth among the other states. No such hospital exists in Houston or in Harris County.

Only two other states in the union have more children than Texas, but in 1947 EACH of ten other states provided more hospital care for their sick children than did Texas.

Some of the folks down in Houston have become disturbed about these conditions, and are ready to do something about it. At the James S. Abercrombie Pin Oak Stables in Houston, from June 2 to June 6, there will be seven performances of a horse show, the proceeds of which will go to a fund for erecting a children's hospital in the Texas Medical Center at Houston.

It is a fine cause, and we hope the horse show proceeds will be enough to start the hospital on the road to realization.

Senator Tobeys (Rep. N. H.) predicts economic bills will be delayed. Unfortunately most of the others will not.

What's In a Name? . . .

Some Georgia Tech students and alumni are up in the air over the recent name change from Georgia School of Technology to Georgia Institute of Technology (which is what we thought it was all along).

Polls were taken, surveys were made, and opinion was generally canvassed before the Georgia Regents authorized the change. But they finally made it. Now comes the publicity campaign.

One alumnus demanded a new ring, new diploma, and new transcript. Another said he frankly didn't give a damn—the school was just a disgraceful rathole whose name shouldn't even be mentioned in the same sentence with the "real schools" of the nation.

The prize dissenting vote came from a poetic graduate: "Rooty-toot-foot, Rooty-toot-foot, We're the boys from the Institute — You know the rest."

Guess we'd better not start that campaign to change the name of A&M to the Cow and Cotton College and Technological Institute of Texas.

Get a Fan-Dancer . . .

It has been suggested that a new blank be placed on the questionnaire for prospective publication editors. Several groups feel that persons seeking the publication editorships should state what strip-tease artist they intend to employ for publicity purposes.

Judging from the pace that has been set in student races in our fellow southwestern schools, a stripper is practically an essential for a solid campaign.

The LSU magazine editors started the custom by having "Stormy" Lawrence up from her smoke-filled place of employment in New Orleans to add color to their publication. Miss Lawrence provided the desired color as well as an old-fashioned, all-out brawl and some juicy national publicity.

Then just last week the Southern Methodists in Dallas had Miss Yvette Dare and her srong-stealing parrot to aid them in their student elections. Though Miss Dare was there in full fettle, the parrot was restrained from getting into the act by some stern and reproving glances from the college fathers.

Our own school is the next logical spot for a fan dance campaign. There would surely be no lagging of interest in such an affair. And the star studded revues in the local bistros should provide ample material for a floor show type race.

So get organized, you would-be editors. You can't make the race without a bubble dancer. And the hesitant may be outstripped by their competition.

A former Arkansas office holder promised to continue taking an active part in politics but to never again "hold public office." Well, no one can prevent him from taking an active part in politics.

The Battalion

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Honor Architect To Receive Award

The graduating student in architecture who, in the opinion of the faculty of architecture, has made the best scholastic record while a student, will be presented an award by the American Institute of Architects, Ernest Langford, head of the department, has announced.

The award will be presented at the annual dinner of the Architectural Society and the department of architecture, May 18 at 7 p. m. in Sibus Hall.

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