

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Loyalty Is More Than A Word . . .

Loyalty is a word that has come to have conflicting definitions. Enmity and fear arising out of the different concepts of loyalty have inspired active investigation of prominent scientists, assaults on the reputations of public figures and intimidation of private citizens.

Just how conflicting these concepts can be has been aptly illustrated by Professor Commager of Columbia University in a recent article in *Hopkins*:

"The new loyalty," writes Commager, "is, above all, conformity. It is the uncritical and unquestioning acceptance of America as it is—the political institutions, the social relationships, the economic practices. It rejects inquiry into free questions or socialized medicine, or public housing, or into the wisdom of validity of our foreign policy. It regards as particularly heinous any challenge to what is called 'the system of private enterprise,' identifying that system with Americanism. It abandons evolution, repudiates the once popular concept of progress, and regards America as a finished product, perfect and complete."

We know this kind of loyalty well. It is the loyalty of the shortsighted who oppose public health programs and government

housing, of the active opponents of reclamation projects like the TVA, MVA, and CVP who denounce all such proposals as "radical" or "state socialism." It is the loyalty that looks askance at anyone, who even timidly suggests that all is not perfect in our political, economic and social existence. It is the loyalty to the status quo. But it is not our loyalty.

Professor Commager's second definition: "Loyalty is a principle, and eludes exact definition except in its own terms. It is devoted to the best interests of the community, and may require hostility to the particular policies which the government pursues, the particular practices which the economy undertakes, the particular institutions which the society maintains."

This is the kind of loyalty that must survive, in spite of legislative investigating committees and red-baiters. It is the kind of loyalty that we must uphold. For if the former definition ever supplants the latter, we will find that loyalty no longer is a matter of honest personal conviction, but a matter of the compulsory observance of an oppressive pattern for the preservation of our own skins.

—California Daily.

Prediction: If the proposed amendment to reduce the voting age to 18 years is approved, not a single candidate will object.

The Balinese people lead a very irregular life, eating when they are hungry . . . and sleeping when they are tired.—*From "The People of Bali," by Philip Houson Hiss.*  
You can't civilize dopes like that.

## J. T. Goodwyn Is NSA's Legislative Authority Named Geology Club President

J. T. Goodwyn, senior geology engineering student, was elected president of the Geology Club at a meeting held last night in the Petrillan Building.

Herbert Davis was elected vice-president, Frank Harlan, program chairman, and A. C. Hope, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Joe Graham, professor of paleontology, was named club sponsor for the coming fall semester.

Members of club are planning to hold a banquet next Thursday night in the Aggiefield Inn to honor the seniors graduating this semester.

Mr. Travis Parker, present sponsor of the club, was presented with a Geology Club key by Bill Davis, president of the organization on this occasion.

On the main part of the program, Fred W. Alexander showed slides taken during a tour of the western part of the U.S.

The Geology Department is planning to publish a geology news-let for next week. The purpose of the letter will be to promote a closer cooperation between the department and ex-students of geology from A&M.

(In the general college elections of May 20, students will be asked to decide whether or not A&M will affiliate with the National Student Association. To familiarize Aggies with the provisions of the NSA Constitution, the ratification of which is the prerequisite of membership in the organization, The Battalion will publish daily portions of that document.)

### PREAMBLE

We, the students of the United States of America, desiring to maintain academic freedom and student rights, to stimulate and improve democratic student governments, to develop better educational standards, facilities, and teaching methods, to improve student cultural, social, and physical welfare, to promote international understanding and fellowship, to guarantee to all people, because of their inherent dignity as individuals, equal rights and possibilities for primary, secondary, and higher education regardless of race, color, sex, religion, or economic circumstances, and to foster the recognition of the rights and responsibilities of students to the school, the community, humanity, and God, and to preserve the interests and integrity of the government and Constitution of the United States of America, do hereby establish this Constitution of the United States National Student Association.

### ARTICLE I. NAME

A. The name of this organization shall be the United States National Student Association.

### ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

- A. The legislative body of the USNSA shall be known as the National-Student Congress.
- B. The Congress shall meet annually during the summer vacation.
- C. The Congress shall:
  1. Accredit its own membership.
  2. Enact all laws and by-laws necessary to the proper functioning of the USNSA pursuant to this Constitution.
  3. Determine policies and programs.
  4. Assess the members of the USNSA in accordance with provisions of the by-laws. Such assessments shall be collected by the regions and forwarded to the national office.
  5. Determine and approve annual budget.
  6. Nominate and elect the Executive Officers.
  7. Create, or approve the creation of, all appointive offices.
  8. Approve all appointments made by the Executive Committee.
  9. Approve all programs to be undertaken in the name of the USNSA, except as otherwise specified in this Constitution.
  10. Impeach, suspend, or remove Executive Officers and expel or suspend member student bodies by a two-thirds majority vote, on the basis of the findings of the Executive Committee.
  11. Invalidate by a two-thirds vote all decisions of both regional and national bodies of the USNSA found to be in conflict with this Constitution.
  12. Sustain or reject impeachment actions of the Executive Committee.
  13. Exercise the final and supreme power of judicial review.
  14. Exercise all other powers not expressly prohibited to it by this Constitution.
- D. Membership in the Congress shall include:
  1. Representatives elected by their entire student body.
    - a. When this is not feasible, they shall be selected by the democratically constituted student government of their entire student body.
    - b. All representatives prior to their election shall certify their intention to continue their studies at their respective colleges or universities in the period following the Congress.
  2. All outgoing members of the Executive Committee.

## Agronomy Society Elects Officers

James A. Oats of Fort Worth was elected president of the Agronomy Society for the summer semester at a meeting held last Tuesday night.

Other officers elected were: Archie Pittman, Brooker, vice-president; Virgil Dahlberg, Brady, secretary; Charles B. Johnson, Gajena Park, treasurer; Joe Mears, Leveland, reporter; and Luther Boswell, Barry, parliamentarian.

Plans were made for the annual picnic which is to be held May 25. Anyone interested in attending the picnic should turn their name into one of the officers of the club. There will be a charge of 50 cents per person to help cover the expenses of the chicken dinner.

## The Battalion

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## THE SPECIALISTS



## Small Town Hates and Loves Given in Latest 'Kings Row'

By MRS. WILNORA ARNOLD  
Readers' Adviser

PARRIS MITCHELL OF KINGS ROW. By Henry and Katherine Bellamann. Simon Schuster, New York, 1948.

Many of you who read the book *KINGS ROW*, and many more who only saw the movie, will never forget the powerful and moving story of Parris Mitchell, the young psy-

chiatrist. This new book called *PARRIS MITCHELL OF KINGS ROW* continues the story of the doctor, his friends and neighbors. Mrs. Bellamann has used the outline and the copious notes of her late husband and has developed the story as logically as possible for one writer to do when using the material of another. Mrs. Bellamann worked closely with her husband on the earlier *KINGS ROW*, helping edit and cut, listening to the minutest details so that her familiarity with the characters and the story were extraordinary.

The style is, her own in which she made no attempt to copy that of her husband. The result is a gripping revelation of small town hates, loves, gropings of spirit during the period of the First World War and shortly afterward.

The *Kings Row* story was originally planned as a trilogy, of

which *KINGS ROW* and *PARRIS MITCHELL* were to have been the first and second volumes. The author explains, however, that the second volume departs from the original plan of depicting the small town from the viewpoint of Dr. Mitchell and has turned out to be a personal history of the doctor himself and his "frequently frustrated efforts to help the unwilling people about him."

Many characters carried over from *KINGS ROW* will be easily recognized by the reader: Randy, Miles Jackson, Fulmer Green, Jamie Wakefield, Mrs. Skeffington and a flock of unusual new ones. While you read this book you will be remembering incidents from the earlier one, but *PARRIS MITCHELL* is not at all dependent upon the earlier volume.

Indeed, it is a novel well able to stand alone as an important contribution to current fiction.

## BENEATH THE BOOKENDS

## 'God's Little Tobacco-Stained Journeyman' Is Selwell's Best

By R. T. CHERRY

GOD'S LITTLE TOBACCO-STAINED JOURNEYMAN by Erskine Selwell; The Bilge Press, New York, 1948.

After being out of the public eye for almost two months, Mr. Selwell has come back with what is unanimously hailed by people who should know as another smashing best-seller.

This latest work of the world renowned realist has for its theme the trials and tribulations of a twelve-year-old mother of three children who, tiring of life on a farm, elopes with her father to New York. Everything good in the girl revolts at the unnatural position in which she has placed herself, however, and she finally runs off to New Zealand with her new love: a Negro missionary. How this beautiful and courageous young girl finally finds happiness makes a believable and heart-warming tale.

Celebrities and common people alike are unreserved in their plaudits for The Bilge Press' new release.

Typical of the praises Mr. Selwell's book is getting was the statement given by Lana Turner, multi-married cinemactress. When interviewed at a Hollywood cocktail lounge early Sunday morning, Miss Turner had this to say: "I think 'God's Little Tobacco-Stained Journeyman' is Mr. Selwell's greatest work: it's so true-to-life."

With Miss Turner was Wally Dimple, forty-one year old juvenile actor, whose enthusiastic comments cannot be quoted here, but were to the effect that the book made very pleasant bedtime reading.

Knowing that readers would wel-

come a glimpse at the human side of the man who has done so much to shape the fictional tastes of young America, I put in a long distance call to the Himalayas. There, for the past two years, Mr. Selwell has lived the life of a recluse with only a butler and twelve beautiful girls to share his solitude.

Mr. Selwell emphatically denied the rumor that he writes standing up. "In fact," he said, "I do some of my best writing while . . . well, almost any place in the house."

It seems a shame we all could not have been given the means of expression with which Mr. Selwell is so beautifully blessed. However, we all have the capacity for appreciation of works such as his, and from them we can draw spiritual and moral inspiration for the conduct of our own lives.

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## Mystery Story Gives Idea . . .

# Search Begins for Aggie Who Disappeared in 1934

A search was renewed this week for an Austin Aggie—Leon E. Studeman, who vanished 14 years ago.

Studeman, who attended here in 1921, was a meteorologist and was in Los Angeles when he was last heard from.

Jeanne Douglas, bright-eyed, attractive Austin newspaperwoman, broke the story of how interest in the case was awakened. C. T. Johnson, Austin insurance man and a boyhood pal of Studeman's, was reading a detective novel when the idea struck him that if the case could receive national attention, the missing man might be located.

So Johnson went to work on the Department of Public Safety. That agency promised to distribute 10,000 circulars on Studeman to police departments over the U.S. It also said it will request the aid of the FBI. Johnson also contacted missing persons bureaus on the west coast and asked the help of Texas representatives in Congress.

Studeman is the son of Mrs. Erie Studeman, director of the Baptist Goodwill Center in Austin. She has one other son, O. J. Studeman of Miami, Florida.

Leon, 31 years old when he disappeared, would be 45 now. He was athletically inclined, weighed 170 pounds, was six feet two and a half inches tall, had brown eyes, brown hair, a high forehead and dressed conservatively.

He did not smoke or drink. His hobbies were reading and golf.

A native of Caldwell, Texas, he was graduated as valedictorian of the Moulton, Texas, High School. At Allen Academy he was graduated second highest in his class. Later he attended A&M and the New York Electrical School. In 1923, he worked for the Houston Power and Light Company and later the Lubbock Compress Company in Lubbock. He toured Europe in 1927, came home and joined the army.

In 1929 he became a junior meteorologist with the US Weather Bureau in Brownsville. In March 1934, he resigned after the depression-bound government cut salaries of single men. He went to San Antonio, was unable to find work and decided to go to Los Angeles. His mother was in San Antonio, March 27, 1934, to tell him goodbye as he boarded the train. It was the last time she ever saw

him. Four days later she received a letter from him. He was in Los Angeles and wrote: "Things look good and some prospects are in sight." That was the last word from him.

An Associated Press correspondent interviewed Mrs. Studeman Tuesday night. A widow since 1924, she is 62, a tall, grey-haired woman with blue eyes.

"My son was quiet and reserved," she said. "He never ever gave me a moment's trouble. He was a normal boy, had a good personality, went with several girls but was not serious about any of them. I can think of only two possible things—that he was a victim of amnesia or foul play. These things have been in my mind for all these years. I am so hopeful that this campaign will result in finding out something—one way or the other. The suspense has been terrible."

## OKLAHOMA WON'T JOIN REVOLT

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