

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Politics, Even for Batt!

The race for veteran editor of the Battalion got off like a rheumatic snail this week. Three candidates sneaked into the Dean's office and quietly filed for the position, furiously, as if they wanted the fact kept a secret till after the election.

Suddenly, yesterday the candidates pulled a quick about-face, just like real candidates do, and plastered the campus under nine layers of posters and placards.

Even Twiggins has horned in on the campaign. . . Heaven forbid his election.

Some of the political platforms to be seen posted in conspicuous spots are worth analyzing. Most of them are lavish with promises and assurances, and endorsements. Everything from morning papers to air-conditioning is offered to the voter in return for a properly placed "X".

Only through sheer negligence, and oversight have the candidates failed to come out in favor of God. That will probably be remedied ere long.

The candidates are today in that strained mid-state of "I like you, old pal, but I in-

tend to be editor anyhow." When two of the contenders happen to meet in a narrow hall where civility demands they speak to one another, it is as a meeting of brothers who haven't seen each other since back in "ought nine." They fall on each other's shoulders with much happiness and many salutations. They don't mean it however.

Each wishes sincerely at such a time that the other had busted out in January.

The campaign is never mentioned in these tete-a-tetes. It's always bridge hands, the brat's latest tooth or cute saying, and other eyewash.

The race will have been run by Friday. The air will clear and things will revert to their former state. Promises will be half-forgotten, but a good Batt will be put out anyway.

Politics is a great American sport. It gives people a chance to tell their version of the truth about themselves and make magnanimous promises.

But pity the poor voter, he can merely choose what kind of poison he wants to be poisoned with.

Along with information about the amount of money lost by airlines in 1946 and 1947 was the statement that a railroad uses 72 employees to produce 10,000,000 ton-miles of transportation, while an airline requires 2,626 employees. And a bus line uses four employees for every 100 daily passengers while an airline uses 145. What do the airlines think they are—federal bureaus?

When people in the same country won't even give each other half of the road it seems a little far fetched to hope for world peace.

While the authors of the Declaration of Independence were arranging it so all men would be created free and equal a great deal of trouble would have been saved by fixing it so they would stay that way.

NSA's Twelve-Point Bill of Rights . . .

(Fifth of a Series)

BY-LAW I

The USNSA will seek to secure and maintain equal rights for all people, and secure equal opportunities for education at all levels regardless of race, national origin, sex, creed, and political belief or economic circumstances; especially by securing the eventual elimination of all forms of discriminatory educational systems anywhere in the United States, since the United States National Student Association is opposed in principle to such systems.

BY-LAW II

The United States National Student Association encourages wide investigation and discussion of the problems of inequality which exist throughout the United States in order to secure their elimination. However, in view of the complex nature of the problem, with its diversity throughout the United States, and the limitations imposed by present state rights, statutes, and laws, it shall be the policy of the United States National Student Association to take the action on the national, regional, and campus levels through the corresponding organization of the USNSA to implement its stated principles, with regard to the legal limitations involved.

BY-LAW III BILL OF RIGHTS

In order to preserve and extend these conditions indispensable to the full achievement of educational objectives, and with full cognizance of the responsibilities and obligations which ensue from any assertion of fundamental rights, the National Student Association holds the following rights essential to the full development of the student as an individual and to the fulfillment of his responsibilities as a citizen:

1. The right of every student to a college education.
2. The right to conduct research freely and to publish, discuss, and exchange any findings or recommendations, whether individually or in association with local, national, or international groups.

3. The right of students to a clear and concise statement, before entering college, of their contractual rights, obligations, and responsibilities pertaining to educational and extra-curricular activities.
4. The right of every student to exercise his full rights as a citizen in forming and participating in local, national or international organizations for intellectual, religious, social, political, economic or cultural purposes, and to publish and distribute their views.

5. The right of recognized student organizations to use the institution's name subject to its regulations with respect to off-campus activities.
6. The right of students and recognized student organizations to use campus facilities, provided the facilities are used for the purpose contracted, subject only to such regulations as are required for scheduling meeting times and places.

7. The right to invite and hear speakers of their choice on subjects of their choice.
8. The right of students to engage freely in off-campus activities, provided they do not claim to represent the institution exercising their rights as citizens of community, state, and nation.

9. The right to establish and issue regular publications free of any censorship or other pressure aimed at controlling editorial staffs reserved solely to the organizations sponsoring these publications.

10. The right to establish democratic student governments with adequate democratic safeguards against abuse of their powers.
11. The right to petition through proper channels for changes in curriculum or professors.

12. The right of equal opportunity to enjoy these rights without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, religious creed, or political beliefs.

The Battalion

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BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS . . .

History of Marshall Family Told in 'Citizen Soldier'

Marshall, Citizen Soldier. By William Frye. Bobbs-Merrill, New York, 1947.

This is the life story of a great American, George Catlett Marshall, Jr., General of the Army; Chief of Staff, 1939-1945; the President's Special Envoy to China, 1946; Secretary of State, 1947.

There is a chapter on the family background, and I was pleasantly surprised, just as a historical curiosity, to discover that the Marshall family has contributed worthy public servants at various periods of our country's history.

For one, Chief Justice John Marshall was a great-great-uncle (several generations removed, but nevertheless the same family), and there were others, educators, statesmen, etc.

Despite the fact that the general was born a Pennsylvanian, his family came from the South, and the prevailing atmosphere in his childhood home was one of true Southern gentility and gracious, unburied, carefully-mannered living.

The chapter which will intrigue all good Aggies, however, is the one revealing young George's progress from "Rat" to First Captain of the Cadet Corps of Virginia Military Institute. His experiences there that made him decide on the Army as a career, and he has never regretted his decision. All through his days in the service he was a model officer, from his lonely and difficult first assignment to an outpost among rebellious Filipinos to Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

You will be amazed to know that Cadet Marshall went through his four years in VMI without even ONE demerit! That same steadfastness to duty accelerated his rise through the ranks, the accounting of which makes fascinating reading.

I could go on at length following Marshall's career, but I shall leave that pleasant task to you. However, one thing more, I'd like to say that the closing chapter called "CODE OF A CITIZEN SOLDIER" is one of the most inspiring pieces I have ever read.

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Lutheran Group To Elect Officers

The Lutheran Student Association will hold a special business meeting in the YMCA Assembly Room Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 p. m.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the coming year. Rex Colwick, president of the association, announced.

QUEEN

LAST DAY
Yvonne DeCarlo
— in —
"CASBAH"
SHOWING
Wed. thru Sat.
Dana Andrews
— in —
"KIT CARSON"

Ace Marksman to Perform At Drive-In Theatre Tomorrow

"Folks who like to shoot also like to watch the other fellow shoot," says Ken Beegle, internationally famous marksman who will give a demonstration of his shooting ability at the Sky-Way Drive-In Theater Thursday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Beegle and his wife, Blanche, make up one of Remington Arms Company's shooting exhibition teams. During the war they toured the country, appearing before millions of GIs at army camps and naval bases. That their instructions were worthwhile is attested by the fact that they are the recipients of numerous letters from overseas combat soldiers who give the teachings of the Beegles credit for saving their lives.

"Every one who shoots is curious about how the other fellow does it and likes to try anything new in the shooting line," says Beegle. "Many of the fellows who watch me shoot go home with the idea that they can do it themselves. And they can 'do it' too, if they will not become too easily discouraged and will keep practicing until they develop the proper timing.

"Proper timing is the essence of all shooting at moving targets. Once the shooter learns to make the gun practically a part of himself, learning to shoot with efficiency becomes comparatively easy. "Good shooting is not beyond the reach of anyone who has a healthy body, steady nerves or nerves which can be controlled and fairly good eyesight. Once the fundamentals of shooting become so firmly entrenched in the mind of an individual that they are a sort of second nature, it is easy for him to graduate from the status of a mediocre shot to that of an excellent marksman.

DRIVE-IN THEATRE

WED. - THUR. - 1st Show 7:30

MERLE OBERON
HOAGY CARMICHAEL
"NIGHT SONG"

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"MICHIGAN KID"
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KEN BEEGLE, ace marksman will perform at the Sky-Way Drive-In Theater Thursday afternoon at 4.

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Faires to Explain Post Grad Studies

A&M's plan of Post Graduation Studies will be explained to interested seniors Thursday at 1 p. m. in Room 303, ME Building. V. M. Faires, head of Post Graduation Studies, announced today.

Seniors who are graduating in June or during the summer are invited to attend and learn of this new program which is designed to help A&M graduates through life.

Management engineering and geology majors will have the program explained to them later and should not come to this meeting.

Nurses Needed At VA Waco Hospital

Nurses are needed at the Waco Veterans Administration hospital, according to the regional VA office.

Salaries for these openings range from \$2,644 to \$3,397 a year depending upon training and education.

Nurses who are accepted by the hospital will have full professional status in the Department of Medicine and Surgery, the Waco hospital reported.

Nurses interested in learning about opportunities in the Veterans Administration are asked to see or write the Personnel Officer or Director of Nursing, Veterans Administration Center, Waco, Texas.

GREEN BAY, Wis., April 29—(AP)—Ralph Earhart of Texas Tech was signed to a 1948 contract today by the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.

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A POWER the screen has never seen before!

"ZEENA, the forgotten one, who couldn't forget his lips... his country!"

TYRONE POWER in NIGHTMARE ALLEY

Directed by EDMUND GOULDING
Produced by GEORGE JESSEL

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