

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Anti-Texan Changes Mind . . .

Ray Halloran is rapidly changing his mind about Texas.

In case you haven't heard, Mister Halloran is the winner of the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattleman's Association contest to find the veteran with the worst opinion about Texas.

Halloran, a resident of Cincinnati, trained at various Texas air fields during the war and wrote the most vituperative letter about the state to the Madisonville civic group. Among other things, Mr. Halloran said that the hospitality he received in a Japanese prison camp was slightly superior to that extended him in San Antonio, Wichita Falls and Honda.

The Sidewalk Cattlemen are trying to brighten this dim view of our native state, and also garner a little publicity on the side. So far they seem to be succeeding admirably.

When Mr. Halloran stepped off the plane in Houston he fell into the arms of a group of beautiful models from a local modeling school. After this contact Halloran ruefully admitted that things had changed somewhat.

The Ohioan was then launched on a long schedule of barbecues, rodeos, back slappings and hand shakings that will last for the next 12 days. Midway through the first

Maybe vitamin pills can sustain life but, if we had to live on a diet of them we had just as soon die.

The brain of a dinosaur weighed only three ounces, while man's brain weighs three pounds, of which he often uses three ounces.

Informal portrait night, announced the Dalton (Ga.) Citizen, is limited by the rule: "Snapshots must be of a person not larger than 8x10 inches."

"Farm Horse's End Revealed in Note," says a headline in the New York Mirror. The article begins, incidentally, with the statement, "Zero hour may be ahead for horses on New York farms."

Marc Worst, survivor of an airliner crash, made the headlines in the Burbank, (Calif.) Review with this: "Marc Worst Resident Here Last 10 Years."

Wife of a Hollywood star was charged with hit and run driving. The usual news from Hollywood is about his and her marriage.

NSA Urges Bill of Right's Acceptance . . .

(Seventh of a Series)

The USNSA strongly urges the acceptance of the Bill of Rights. A private institution established not only for purposes of providing liberal education, but also for specifically avowed purposes, may exercise its recognized right to set up clearly defined standards in line with those purposes. However, the student must be fully acquainted with such standards upon applying for admission, and these standards must not exempt the institution from performing those functions which are the responsibility of any college or university in a democratic society. No educational system can abdicate this obligation to prepare students for the role of citizenship.

The USNSA is in accord with the principles of academic freedom as expressed by the American Association of University Professors, in Vol. 32 No. 4 AACP Bill. Concerning academic freedom we believe that:

1. The teacher is entitled to freedom of research, and in the publication of the results is subject only to the limitations imposed by the performance of his other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the institution.
2. The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his subject, but he should not introduce into his teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his subject.
3. The teacher has the right to join or

round Halloran was heard to say that "Texas is getting better all the time."

The entire stunt was dreamed up by the novel and energetic Madisonville Cattleman's group which recognizes good news copy when it appears. They have broken into print before with such town-boasting antics as giving a little girl in Boston a pair of cowboy boots and by their tongue-in-cheek rules on how to wear cowboy boots.

If all adds up to good publicity for Madisonville, a good time for Mr. Halloran, and a good object lesson for us veterans who passed through other states during the big war.

Most of us were guilty of saying quite a few unkind things about our surroundings simply because they were unfamiliar. Like Halloran, if we went back for a slower look and got to know the people we would probably feel rather foolish for talking when we should have been thinking.

Under the circumstances however, it is hard to criticize Halloran, particularly when you consider the beautiful models.

There is always a possibility that this business might work in reverse. Remind us to get a letter in the midnight mail to the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, telling them about our unpleasant memories of Chestnut Street.

America has as fine a collection of high-ranking brass as money can buy. All the country needs now to be prepared is an army, navy and air corps.

Senator Byrd (Dem. Va.) registered a beef about the government payrolls being increased in March by 17,093 persons. Didn't the senator realize this is election year?

If citizens are ever reduced to peddling apples on the street again, the army would find it much easier to gather in a few more corps.

That John L. Lewis wants his miners to be strictly on the up-and-up is proven by the fact that he frequently stops them from doing anything underground.

Try as they might, Southern governors have been unable to make Dixie citizens realize how mad they are at President Truman.

Scientists found in Africa a turtle believed to be more than 25,000,000 years old. It was quite dead.

ganizations whether religious, political, or social, provided that these organizations are not illegal under the civil statutes, without being discriminated against through economic, social, or political pressures because of such activities.

4. When the teacher speaks or writes as a citizen outside the campus he should be free from institutional censorship or discipline.
5. The basis for employment of faculty shall be only their ability to fulfill the requirements of the position.

Limitation of academic freedom because of the avowed purposes of the institution should be clearly stated in writing at the time of the appointment. Since the teacher is a man of learning and an educational officer, his profession and institution may be judged by his utterances. At all times he should be accurate, exercise appropriate restraint, and make every effort to indicate that he is not an institutional spokesman.

In case of violation of the bill of rights or academic freedom, a preliminary Staff Committee investigation can be initiated at the request of the college administration, student government, or a student petition.

At the discretion of the Staff Committee a full investigation may be conducted with the report to be submitted to the NEC and the institution concerned. Further action may be taken by the NEC with regard to the publication of the report if deemed necessary by that body.

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THINKING IT OVER



Out In September . . .

Preview of 1948 Longhorn Shows Improved Appearance

The big 1948 Longhorn, 528 pages without advertisements, will be out the first of September.

Improved layout and the avoidance of the formal, rectangular format characteristic of school yearbooks have been the object of special effort by the staff. Pictures of varying size and imaginative makeup give the Longhorn a sleek, modern look.

Snapshots of student life enliven the class sections, and cartoons add interest to the club section.

The Aggieiland section, showing the activities of students, has been enlarged, and the machinations of the EMOC have been de-emphasized. The same faces do not appear in all the snapshots; the ordinary student's activities are stressed. The Vanity Fair section has been enlarged from 6 to 8 pages. Tex Beneke selected 8 occupants for

this section whose pictures alone are worth the price of admission.

Coverage of all the spring sports events are included in the sports section. The sports format shows careful design and considerable improvement.

One page is devoted to the typical Aggie, another to the typical Tessie.

Seniors graduating before September should leave their home addresses and 25 cents with Student Activities in order that their Longhorns can be mailed to them.

Roommate Day Proposal Made To Offset National Dog Week

By HARVEY CHELF

Special days have been set aside to commemorate and honor great individuals in this, our native land. Robert E. Lee, Sam Houston, Jefferson Davis, and even such little-knowns as Abe Lincoln and George Washington are honored by bankclosing, speechmaking, and general merry-making.

Mother and Father each have a day. The Unknown Soldier is yearly remembered, and police recently discovered a benevolent soul soliciting funds to care for the Unknown Soldier's widow.

The family pooch fares even better, for he is remembered not one, but seven whole days a year during National Dog Week. The Boy Scouts, Santa Claus, everybody gets remembered at some time during the year . . . every one, that is, except the good ole long-suffering roommate.

This great injustice, perpetuated against untold generations of roommates, must stop! One day of the year should be set aside to honor roommates, in colleges throughout the country, say, the world! It could be called, simply, "Roommate Day." Roommate Day! What a simple, but manly sentiment to a partner in crime, er, college.

Just from thinking of my roommate my eyes become moist. (Eyestrain suffered from fishing cigarettes out through the keyhole in his desk drawer causes my eyes to water.) My ROOMMATE, MY roommate—that sweet, lovable ole drunkard! He wears my socks, steals my ties, borrows my money, uses my clothes, and dates my girl . . . but what a pinocchio partner!

Why should a roommate have the dubious glory of a day set aside just for him? The reasons

are without end, but some of the more important ones are:

He listens to tales of woe on topics ranging from why you made the dean's team to why your girl gave you the "Dear John" treatment.

He is a willing, though inaccurate speller and phrasing expert during your theme writing seiges, and occasionally even owns one you can borrow.

He feigns interest in your groching about the food and laundry. He feigns horror when you bust a course, indignation when you fail a quiz, joy when you make an A.

He forces himself to laugh at your lousy jokes, beams happily when he meets your dad, and tells your mother lies about how you go to church together every Sunday.

He tries to believe your stories concerning liquor, and amorous conquests, because he expects you to believe his.

Last, he is an unknown source of tooth paste, shaving cream, razor blades, pencils, and clean handkerchiefs.

A man who can do all this on his income deserves more than just a day, he deserves a monument. In honor of roommates the world over and down through the ages let us erect a supplement to Sully's statue—that of HIS roommate, R. A. "Pinhead" Hayes, inscribed simply, "To My Roommate—The Rat!"

: Letters to the Editor :

BOND THANKS THE 779

Editor, The Battalion

I want to use your column to thank the 779 students who saw fit to vote for me as veteran co-editor.

It is my hope that those 779 will not be sorry that those 779 were yours for a Better Battalion.

Yours for a Better Battalion, KENNETH BOND

★ ELECTION

Editor, The Battalion:

I would like to take this public method of making three statements regarding yesterday's race for Editor of the Batt.

First I want to congratulate the winner. I can think of no one I would have rather lost to than Kenny Bond.

He is personally a swell guy and I think he will put out a good paper.

Secondly I feel I owe the people who supported me an explanation. I made no high pressure races for the office since I felt that because of the controversial nature of the job, I only wanted it by an unqualified vote, if at all. Two or three other personal reasons also entered into my decision not to

push a poster-and-persuasion campaign.

Finally I would like to say this to the men who voted for me. The fact that I lost the race doesn't mean a devil of a lot to me. Your confidence does. No one could fail to be pleased and gratified that in this cold and commercial world he has 450 real friends. Thanks a million, men.

BILL BILLINGSLEY, '46

Batt Takes Rest May 27 - June 9

The Battalion will close out the semester with its next Thursday issue, May 27.

Then, beginning on Wednesday, June 3, The Batt will be a tri-weekly summer publication. The paper will be published every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon.

Students and faculty members having stories they would like printed before the end of this semester are requested to call The Batt office, phone 4-5444, as soon as possible.

3-Year Experiment Proves Successful in Blacklands

Carry 40 cattle year-round on 60 acres of the Blacklands—at the rate of a head per acre and a half—put on a gain of as much as 430 pounds per animal in a year without buying extra feed, and build up the soil without you were going it.

H. O. Hill, formerly superintendent of Substation No. 5 near Temple and now superintendent of the Bluebonnet station, and J. R. Johnston, soil scientist who succeeded Hill at Temple, believes it might be done.

Hill and Johnston have reported to R. D. Lewis, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, that a three-year experiment with a legume-small grain-livestock combination carried on with the USDA Soil Conservation Service shows promise in the Blacklands.

Dr. Lewis said the experiments were "an approach to year-round grazing in the Texas Blacklands" which, when further developed, "may offer a means of stabilizing the agriculture of a large area."

The Blacklands are included in a number of central Texas counties. Soils of the Blacklands are among both the most productive and the most erosive in the United States. Year after year row crop cultivation on a 4 percent slope will result in the loss of the entire 10 inches of top soil within 60 years, soil scientists say; there

is practically no loss of topsoil when clovers and small grains are planted.

As recently as 1937 cotton took up about two-thirds of the cultivated area of the Blacklands and was the source of around 90 percent of the cash income.

Purpose of the Hill-Johnston experiment was "to determine the economic value of erosion resisting and soil improving crops on various types of Blackland soils as measured in terms of beef production."

As a result of the tests the scientists have worked out three different crop combinations, all of which provide year-round grazing. These combinations are recommended especially for the central and southern Blacklands, Hill and Johnston said.

The combinations are listed in order of their soil building and cash return ability, and the first is a 3-year rotation of lupin sweetclover, oats and sweet sorghum grass. In the tests this rotation carried a head per 1.5 acres provided year-round grazing and represents a cash return of around 68 per acre at current prices for beef.

The second continuous crop plan was built around winter oats and bermuda or buffalo grass and winter legume pasture at the rate of two acres of oats and 1.5

of pasture per animal. The oats are grazed November 15 to March 1 and then harvested for grain; the cattle are on the pasture from March 1 to November 15.

The third combination was a 2-year rotation of oats interplanted with madras sweetclover one year followed by corn the second year. This oat-madras was grazed at the rate of an animal to two acres the year-round.

A&M animal husbandmen believe that supplementary feeding will be necessary for all three combinations in years of severe winters or extreme droughts. They think, too, that the grazing plan may be more profitable when corn for other grain is raised to finish out and firm up the grass fed beef.

Other grazing tests have been run on a number of crops, some of them including the use of commercial fertilizers.

Hill and Johnston found that there was practically no soil loss in the first combination, the 3-year rotation plot, and that the oats-lupin-sorghum provided an abundance of humus for soil conditioning. In addition, the clover added nitrogen, which is the most limited essential plant food in Blackland soils.

Results of the 3-year experiment are presented in detail in Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's Progress Report 1114.



J. F. CASEY RV's couldn't lick him, so they joined him.

The Honorary Ross Volunteer . . .

Casey Thinks About Old Days, Finds The School Has Changed

By HARVEY CHERRY

Thirty-four years ago a young man came to work in a small confectionery in College Station.

Today this man, not quite young, is a successful merchant, and is wealthy in memories of intimate association with Aggies through some of A&M's brightest and darkest hours.

J. F. Casey came to Aggieiland in September, 1914, to work for W. A. Leigh and Company, which operated in a two-story frame building where the Aggie-land Inn is now.

Although he never attended classes at A&M, Casey made all of the corps trips and school dances. Soon after arriving, he turned up at a Ross Volunteer dance in a borrowed uniform. The RV's resented this, and Casey's contemporaries hint of a tremendous tear.

However, the RV's found they couldn't lick him, so they joined him. Casey was made an honorary member!

"I remember," Casey said, "that on one occasion there was a special train being run to Austin for a basketball game. You had to have a uniform to ride the train, so the boys fixed me up with a uniform and I went along."

"During those days they wore uniforms with high collars and gray caps for dress uniforms. The boys called themselves bellhops."

"There wasn't anything in College Station in the early days except the school, but I had so much fun that I didn't go into Bryan but twice my first year."

"The senior class presented a play every year, and the boys gave minstrel shows. Dances were held, and movies were shown on Saturday nights, but the film always broke several times."

"Each company was entertained once a year by the fish. Some seniors of the company would have to go to Bryan and bring back the sandwiches, fruit, cakes, or whatever the fish could afford to buy—which wasn't much."

"They all tried to take a crack at the seniors that night, but it was their big moment. That was about the only time a senior would talk to a fish unless he had something for the fish to do."

"I attended many of these banquets, as the fish claimed me as theirs. Most of those parties were rough, but we enjoyed them all."

"The seniors could go to Bryan two nights a week, the juniors could go one night a week, and the freshmen and sophomores could go into town Saturday afternoon, but had to be back by six. Everyone had to sign in and out of the guard book."

"The only way to get to town

was by a trolley with a trailer on it. A lot of times the trailer would get loose and roll down the grade by itself. The trolley would back up, but if the trailer were loaded the trolley couldn't start it, so all the sophomores and freshmen would have to get out and push."

"The boys had to purchase all their fruit, candy, and toilet articles on their trip to town, since these things weren't sold on the campus."

"They bought their tobacco there too, if they used it, but any student caught smoking a cigarette was kicked out of school."

After two years with W. A. Leigh and Company, Casey opened his own confectionery in the YM-CA, stocking some of the items that students formerly went to Bryan for.

Another innovation by Casey was the cashing of student checks. Until this time students received their money by postal money order, cashing them at the post office located on the site now occupied by the creamery.

During the depression the Ex-Students Association was having difficulty raising money to lend students trying to get through school, so Casey's Confectionery contributed all pennies taken in. This eventually amounted to \$260, including interest.

Casey is a member of the Ex-Students Association, and has made it the beneficiary of a \$1,000 paid up life insurance policy.

Besides his work through the Ex-Students Association, Casey has lent many students money when they needed it most. Nearly every ex of the depression era has a story to tell of how Casey helped a friend, or the ex himself.

Although he is still a Presbyterian elder and active in civic affairs, his health has slowed Casey down a little.

He speaks a bit nostalgically about the days when "most every body knew each other's name," but stoutly denies any wish to go back to the good old days.

Interested persons may obtain application forms from J. F. Casey at the College Station post office.