

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## A Credo for Tomorrow . . .

With this issue, I sign "thirty" to my year-long career as editor of The Battalion. This year has seen The Battalion emerge into daily publication. This has meant more news, more opportunities for people to work on the paper, and a better coverage of news. We have been far from perfect in this our first year, but The Battalion's accomplishments were reached through the wholehearted cooperation of a newspaper staff that is rated as one of the best in collegiate circles. Next year's Battalion should be even better. With more experienced staff members and with a journalism department to draw from, there should be even more people with newspaper know-how. During this year we have led the fight for what we consider a better A&M. Already the forces of progress are on the march. Many of those who longed for a return to the good old days have found that the bridge to the good old days has been burned. Others of their number have reached the

conclusion that maybe the days of 1939 were not the millenium after all. I like to look into the future and think of A&M as it will be 10, 25, and even 50 years from now. I like to think of it as an institution that needs bow its head to no other school of higher learning. I like to think of it as possessing a completely democratic student body in which the only thing that determines a student's rating is the quality of his mind. I like to think of it as an institution in which civic and social responsibilities are placed first. We acknowledge the need for military training but also think that training for peaceful pursuits is far more important. We have always maintained that education and scholarship should come first in a college, with all other things being secondary. We still maintain it! CHARLIE MURRAY Signing "30"

## Looking Ever Forward . . .

With this issue, The Battalion closes shop for 1947-48. It is with considerable regret that we see a challenging and eventful period in the history of A&M and the lives of its present students draw to a close. The dreams and plans of yesterday have suddenly become the history of today, and it seems that Father Time has stolen a very valuable year from us before we had the opportunity to make the most of it. We have tried to the best of our ability to publish The Battalion in the interest of a greater A&M College. Many times we have differed with others as to just what would be of greatest advantage and most lasting value to A&M but with due realization of our "sins", both of commission and omission, it may be honestly said that the policies of The Battalion represented the earnest efforts of its editors and staff to make A&M a better institution in every way for the

training and education of tomorrow's leaders. We have advocated the "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman" tradition of Lawrence Sullivan Ross in numerous editorials and finally attached the phrase to our masthead. We backed the Student Senate as the first form of representative student government ever to achieve any degree of success at A&M. We have attempted to encourage the constructive actions and to discourage the destructive actions of our student body and faculty. In all these we have met some failure, some success. The final balance of the two is not for me to judge. It is with a sincere hope for an ever-better Battalion, an ever-better A&M in the coming years, that I close this last editorial. Jimmie Nelson Corps Editor The Battalion.

## This Is It! . . .

Today's issue of The Battalion is the first eight-page paper that has been published since The Batt went on a daily schedule. More than routine effort was required to produce today's edition. An extra large roll of newsprint was borrowed from The Bryan Eagle. The B&C made an emergency trip to Bryan to get the paper. A&M Press members worked overtime setting type and making up pages. Battalion staff members worked around the clock. "A one day run during which her detachment of pet-propelled fighters will conduct a demonstration." is from the New York World Telegram story, May 11, on the US Carrier Coral Sea, visiting New York harbor. The Morningside Co. has for a number of years been the largest producers of battery manganese ores in the United States, and is under the direction of the late John Hickey. —Engineering and Mining Journal. A news dispatch from Honolulu implies that the atomic bomb used at Eniwetok is a "vast improvement" over the Hiroshima bomb and the model tested at Bikini. Does that mean better or worse? Mr. L. Fidenat of Maple Leaf, was the guest of a local dentist for a few minutes on Friday last. He now tips the scales at 176½. —Baltimore (Alberta) Enterprise. It has just been revealed that a shipment of American juke boxes was received in Colombia shortly before the recent revolution. This may dispose of the theory that the trouble was Communist-inspired. Truman Tells Democrats He Will Retain Presidency. Will or would?

gathering news for a school year that was fast running out. On looking through today's paper you will see headline types of varied families. This problem of headline type will be solved as soon as a new type-setting machine is delivered to the A&M. Delivery of the machine is expected by mid-summer. In any event, here is the Batt's first eight page paper on a daily schedule. . . for better or for worse. A man suing for divorce charged that his wife chucked a book across the room and hit him on the head. Rather a novel excuse. The press dispatch said the lady who fell into a bass drum while she was dancing really went boom, but that was the last time the drum did. President Truman got on the scales and found he weighs 173 pounds, but he doesn't carry so much weight in the South as he once did. A soldier has been defined as a man everyone loves during a war and nobody wants when it is over. Mr. Eisenhower, apparently, is an exception. A rancher said the average Easterner would run if he saw a Texas longhorn steer. And vice versa. Of course, the South will not get out of the Union but it is getting into shape where it won't get anything out of it either. Agricultural Department expects the demand for pork to be strong enough to hold prices above support levels. Anybody who takes pigs to market can bring home the bacon.

## The Battalion

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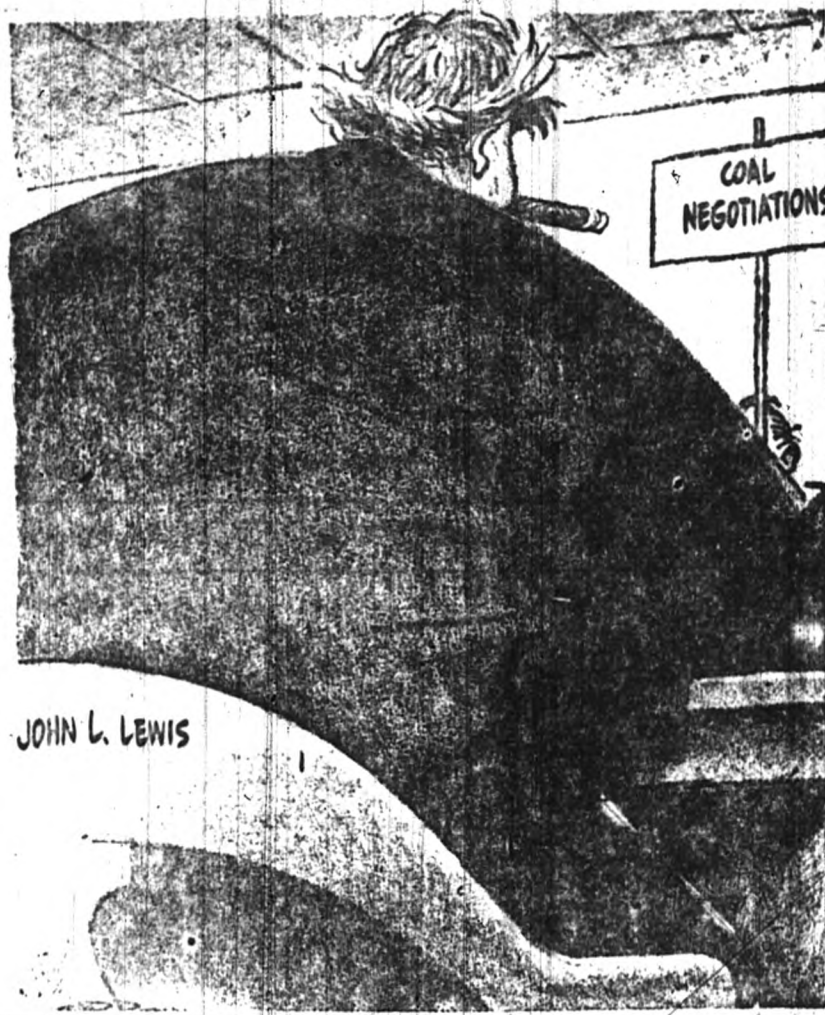
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## OLD FAMILIAR SCENE



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## BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS . . .

### Tale of A Tiger-Woman And A Murderer Who Hunts Himself

By LOUIS MORGAN

THE PITFALL by Jay Dratler. Grosset & Dunlap, publishers. New York. 177 pages. The Pitfall is the story of a woman named Mona. She is (1) exciting (2) beautiful (3) lonely (4) irresistible. She is also a tigress. Her allure drives her husband to jail and her lover to the electric chair. The story is written in a style that is brisk, brutally frank. It is the first person story of a Hollywood writer entangled in a plot he doesn't understand until it is too late. The Pitfall is also the story of Mac, the policeman, who knew all the dirt, the scoundrels, the scum, he knew all the angles, and he liked beautiful women. He had no scruples about the way he got them. But Mac hadn't figured out all the angles. Not quite. Things he had not planned on happened after he put the writer on Mona's trail. The ending must be read to be believed.

### Loan Fund Set Up By Breazeale In Memory of Mother

Founding of the Lucy Jane Breazeale Loan Fund in memory of his mother was announced today by W. C. "Breezy" Breazeale, assistant director of student affairs. Mrs. Breazeale passed away April 17. Breazeale requested that his co-workers in the Dean of Men's Office not send flowers, but donate the money that would have been used on that occasion to a loan fund to be set up in his mother's memory. Mrs. Breazeale was born September 15, 1876, just two days before A&M was founded. Her two sons, the late Lawrence Breazeale, class of '30, and William, class of '35, graduated from A&M. Her daughter, Beulah, graduated from TSCW. Loans will be restricted to \$10 until the fund has built up through contributions. The fund is being administered by the Student Loan Office in Goodwin Hall.

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## Ag Seniors Visit Blacklands To See Erosion at Work

By ROGER B. LETZ

Fifty-nine seniors in agriculture enrolled in the soil conservation course offered by the agronomy department had ample opportunity last Saturday to observe some of

the problems in soil erosion and depletion that are today unmistakably present in the Blackland Area of Texas. The seniors, representing all farming and ranching areas in Texas, made an all-day field trip to the Temple Blackland Experiment Station under the supervision of J. F. Mills, instructor of the soil conservation class.

## Organized Reserve To Form Research Groups for Study

The formation of Organized Reserve Research and Development Groups and Subgroups will soon be initiated by the senior instructor for reserves, Colonel Oscar B. Abbott announced today. The objective of the groups will be to maintain the useful affiliation of reserve officers who are professionally engaged in research and development and to provide peacetime assignments for the officers, enabling optimum utilization of their education, experience and skills. Also in case of mobilization, their assignments will fully utilize their talents, Col. Abbott stated.

Students from foreign countries who were present on the trip were: H. E. Jimenez, Mexico City; K. L. Gurnani, Karachi, Pakistan; T. C. Kala, Jaipur City, India; Li Chen, China; and Felix Grose, Philippines.

The group went to Burlington, Texas for the beginning of the trip and were met there by Thomas J. Edler, work unit conservator of the Elm Creek Watershed District of the Soil Conservation Service. With Edler in charge, the group toured the Elm Creek District and had an opportunity to observe many soil-saving practices that the SCS has introduced and proved successful in the farming area between Burlington and Barkley.

In the afternoon the group met at the Blackland Experiment Station at Temple and was given the opportunity to observe all experimental work carried on there under the direction of Dr. J. R. Johnston, superintendent. Members of the class who made the trip were Charles W. Stafford, Johnny Ward, F. M. Griffin, A. E. Herz, Fred Whittemore, E. Senter, J. M. Telford, A. G. Ark, O. M. Neely, W. O. McCall.

A minimum of 20 officers is required for the formation of an Organized Reserve Research and Development Group and a minimum of 10 officers for a subgroup. In case there are only a few officers available, the senior instructor may recommend the formation of a subgroup of less than 10 officers. Final selection of all those qualified officers for participation will be made by the Department of the Army in Washington, D. C.

Those interested in this type of duty with the Organized Reserve may contact the Senior Instructor at 415 West 4th Street, Austin, Texas, or their local OR Instructor.

## 'Sarge' Holden On Modified Service

Walter Holden, known as "Sarge" and "Sheriff," went on modified service Friday after 2 years of service with A&M. He joined the campus police force in 1922 when Ike Ashbari was commandant and D. X. Bill was coach. Holden remained with the police force for 23½ years, then was placed in charge of the athletic equipment room in November 1945. He has held that position until last Friday. He will again assume charge when he returns to duty September 1. Born in Fort Worth, Holden has resided in Brazos County almost all his life. During his 26 years here, he has used only 15 days of sick leave.

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