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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Help Wanted??

Since the class of 1948 has been delivered into the open arms of waiting employers, now is a good time to take a look into the future and speculate on job opportunities for those of us who are still strolling along the educational path with our noses in the air sniffing for the odor of imprinted sheepskin.

A recent article in the U. S. News & World Report gives some figures on employment prospects that cast a dark shadow over present students, hopes for picking up that \$100-a-week job.

According to the figures, there is going to be a surplus of college graduates in the near future. The class of 1948 is a jump ahead of the crowd even though it numbered some 290,000. Next year, as the real flood of graduates mounts the stage to receive diplomas, over 400,000 will be leaving their respective alma maters. In 1950 no less than 500,000 more grads will be looking for jobs.

With the swarm of 1948 graduates flooding the employment market, there will be only two or three fields still short of men—schoolteaching, medicine, and specialized sciences.

Briefly, here is the picture. Engineers—Prospects fair but will get worse as 110,000 graduating student engineers descend on the market within the next three years.

Architects—Jobs still fairly plentiful, especially on the West Coast and in Texas. However, 10,000 students are studying this subject and there are but 14,000 licensed architects now in the business.

Chemistry—Available positions filling up rapidly but vacancies will exist for those taking specialized work for several years at least. Also, with increased de-

velopments in all fields the prospects in this field are fairly good.

Lawyers—Even now graduating lawyers are having a difficult time getting positions and there are 50,000 more on the way.

Journalism—We hate to admit it but prospects are worse here than in any other major field.

Business-Administration—Still a good demand for these majors, but the future will depend on the trend of business in general. Incidentally, this field has more trainees than any other, no less than 311,000 veterans alone.

Pharmacy—Prospects good but field may fill up in the future.

Turning up the brighter side of the picture, the need for doctors, nurses, dentists and teachers, especially at college level, is still great and expected to remain that way for quite a while.

Winding up the job forecast, the article states that employers are becoming more and more selective in hiring new men, some companies considering only the upper 10 to 30 per cent of a graduating class.

Average pay for the student just out of college runs around \$240 a month now, but with the influx of thousands of new men and women, the salary rate will probably be pushed down.

That about covers the picture for future job opportunities. Confirming reports that have been circulating among the classes due to graduate within the next few years. "It also serves to emphasize that the better work done now, the better chance you will have to make the grade when the time comes to look for that job.

Thermometer Tells the Story . . .

The following editorial, published in the first edition of 1948 as one of The Battalion's New Year's Resolutions, is worth publishing again.

Last year there was much talk about air-conditioning two of the most used buildings on the campus: Guion Hall and Cushing Memorial Library. Nothing happened, except that everyone agreed it was a good idea.

In this cool January weather, it is easy to forget what A&M is like from May until October. Every place gets hot, but it is no more evident anywhere than in these two structures.

Cushing Library is a place for study, but the reading rooms get almost uninhabitable in late spring and stay that way until fall. Only library employees can tell how hot it gets back in the stacks—but from the condition of the reading room, we can suspect.

Guion Hall is a place where Aggies go for relief when they get slightly mad from studying in their "holes." But Guion af-

fords little relief during the warm months. Let's put our engineering science to work in these two buildings.

June and the hot weather are here so we know how hot those two buildings actually are.

Guion Hall is being remodeled at the present time. T. R. Spence, manager of the Construction Program, told us recently that air circulators would be installed during the summer.

In view of the Student Memorial Building coming along and the large expense that would be involved in air-conditioning Guion, he said that circulators would be the best that can be provided.

We do not plan to epostulate further on the need for air-conditioning the Library.

The temperature of the first floor of the Library was taken periodically yesterday and the results are published on the front page of today's Batt.

The facts will bear their own testimony.

The case of Norman Thomas, who has been nominated for president by the Socialists for the sixth time, goes to show that any American mother may hope to see her son grow up to be a candidate for president on a ticket that has no chance of winning.

He said he had met the girl, who served in the Russian army after her release from a Nazi prison camp, in February 1946, at a UNRRA depot. They came to in October, 1946, Curtin said.—(Chicago Tribune.)

THIS eyebrow-raiser is from the Lost and Found department of the New York Times: "Beige gabardine dress left in cab Tuesday in front of—Seventh Ave. * * *

A foreign affairs analyst said politics in America indicates the state of world affairs. We knew the world was in bad shape but we never suspected it was that far gone.

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Social Activities Break Camp Monotony at Kelly Field Base

By J. T. MILLER

KELLY FIELD, June 15—Monday marked the end of the first week of the Air Force summer camp being held here at Kelly Air Force Base. To most of us it has seemed only a year.

To the 200 Texas A&M cadets undergoing a six-weeks course in either administration or maintenance engineering, little new in the way of formations, calls, drill and the like was forthcoming.

However, the remaining 450 cadets from various co-ed schools in the southwest found their lives changed considerably. Up at 6, Rush like mad to make reveille formation at 6:30. Then mess, barrack clean-up, and school formation at 7:45. Administration students attend classes in service records, typing, personnel management, and related subjects. Maintenance engineering students go over to the hangar area to work around aircraft. Other units, such as statistical control, armament, and communications, work with their respective departments.

At noon all classroom activities cease for a momentous 45-minute period—we eat. Following that, the afternoon is spent in drill, physical education (under Captain Herman Segrest and Lt. Cliff Ackerman, both of Texas A&M), rifle marksmanship, guard duty, and

other features as yet undisclosed. At 5:30 a long, drawn-out retreat formation is held, thus officially ending the working day for all cadets. At that time we are free to leave the base to bask in the grandeur of San Antonio—or better still, to drift to the Elished Men's Club for a bottle of hops.

To break the monotony of camp life certain social activities have been scheduled. For example, last Friday night a dance was held in the E.M. Club. This Friday the young ladies of Fort Sam Houston have invited cadets to a dance to be held in the Officer's Club at that base. Saturday a beer bust is to be given here on the base.

Cadets are organized much as they are at A&M. The 650 college students comprise one wing, broken down into two groups, eight squadrons and 24 flights. Each flight contains approximately 25 men. Although the units are for the most part mixed, Squadron 11, at present commanded by Tom Carter, of Beaumont, is the only all-Arggie unit of that size in the camp.

Well, so much for generalities. During the next few weeks notes on events of interest to A&M students will be submitted to the Batt for perusal by the 3400 students grinding out grade points on the campus.

Maceo's Million Dollar Sand Trap . . .



(Editors' Note: One of our foreign correspondents, Texingham J. Billingsley, is fighting off the effects of four long terms and two summer sessions as a deckhand on a Houston tugboat. His column is so fresh from Galveston Island that it is still permeated with sun-tan oil and salt water.)

I have just returned from that mecca of all heat afflicted

Houstonians, Galveston Island. According to Webster an island is a body of land entirely surrounded by water, but Mr. Maceo's million dollar sand trap varies that definition a bit. You might call Galveston a million bodies surrounded by empty beer cans and suntan oil bottles and vainly searching for the water.

Galveston gained its early fame as a stronghold and headquarters of the pirate Jean Lafitte. We feel secure in saying that Jean would hardly recognize the old home-stand now.

Schooners still cross the bar there, to be sure, but the helmsmen are members of Bartender's Local 323 and the prices are sealed to make even old Jean look like a bashful buccaner.

As one badly shorn tourist from far inland put it, "They've got a sea wall around this durned island that's fifteen feet high, and it's still the lowest thing I've seen since I got here."

But even with the fangs of inflation bared in their faces, Galveston's week-enders have a wonderful time. Armed with swim suits, beach umbrellas, folding chairs, sun-tan oil, hot dogs, watermelon, cases of beer, and enough other gear to sink a cargo ship, they assault the beach in pursuit of pleasure.

Monday morning they're back in the office completely exhausted, with sand in their hair and with a lobster-hued skin that glows in the dark and causes them to shy away from old friends for fear of a slap on the back.

If they woke up feeling that way in the middle of the week, they'd phone the office screaming "I'm sick" and trundle themselves off to the infirmary. But now they proclaim to one and all, "Just got back from a wonderful weekend in Galveston. Boy, was it ever restful. Just check this suntan-ouch, not so hard!"

Entrepreneur of a major part of Galveston's noisy night life is Mr. Samuel Maceo, whom the Houston papers describe as a "million dollar sportsman."

No one denies that Mr. Maceo is a sport and few people believe he gained the title by just wearing shirts with open collars.

Most of the money that is stirred up in the whirl of the beach bistros usually settles out into the Maceo coffers. Mr. M. is such

Tramping Out the Vintage . . .

Bumper Atomic Baby Crop Linked With Uranium 235

By CHUCK MAISEL

The vintage is going to have a lot of new trampers in the next generation from Oak Ridge Tennessee. The young stompers arrive there at a rate 34 times the national average. The abnormal birth-rate may be due to the certainty of the Oak Ridgers that their sons won't be future infantrymen. Einstein is rumored preparing a report denying that the prolific pappas are radio active.

Speaking of radio-activity, local carhops take heed! New York papers report a post office disaster wherein a bottle of hair dye fell from a shelf breaking itself and a bottle of bleaching compound. The resulting explosion seriously injured five post office employees and caused a bomb scare that created a near-panic.

Jack Tarver reports, in the Atlanta Constitution, a case of one Atlanta citizen recently shot another in a dispute at a golf course. Some people take the game too seriously. Tarver comments that he's heard of golfers shooting birds and eagles, but never before a bird of a feather. It wouldn't have been considered so unethical if the guy had yelled "FORE".

Lyndon Johnson is going to be doing

Prisoners of War Will Meet In Houston Saturday

Texans who were prisoners-of-war during World War II will hold their third annual meeting Saturday and Sunday at the Rice Hotel in Houston.

General Jonathan Wainwright, honorary life president of the organization, and Governor Beauford Jester will speak.

Registration will be Saturday morning at 9:30 on the mezzanine of the Rice Hotel. A memorial service will be held at the same place at 10:30 Sunday morning.

John T. Jones, Jr., assistant to the president of The Chronicle, and Albert Cecil, Rice Hotel employee and University of Houston student are handling arrangements for the meeting.

ILL. WIND—\$3.25 Worth

JOLIET, Ill. (AP)—The wind blew out the tail light on his automobile, Allen B. Thayer told police when he was arrested for operating a vehicle without a tail light. Thayer explained he was using a

kerpene tail light. Police Magistrate Thomas K. Sprague fined him \$3.25 and told him to modernize the car's lighting or he might be arrested again—if the wind is blowing.

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THURS. - FRI - SAT.

—Features Begin—
1:30 - 3:15 - 4:55 - 6:40 - 8:20
10:00

TARZAN AT HIS BEST!

TARZAN and the MERMAIDS

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The Corner will be closed all day Sunday, Stark said.