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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

College Road Obstacle Course . . .

No obstacle course in the Army ever presented more hazards to people than the short drive from College Station to Bryan via the College Road.

Wrecks have occurred; people have died; the police cars patrol, and reckless driving continues.

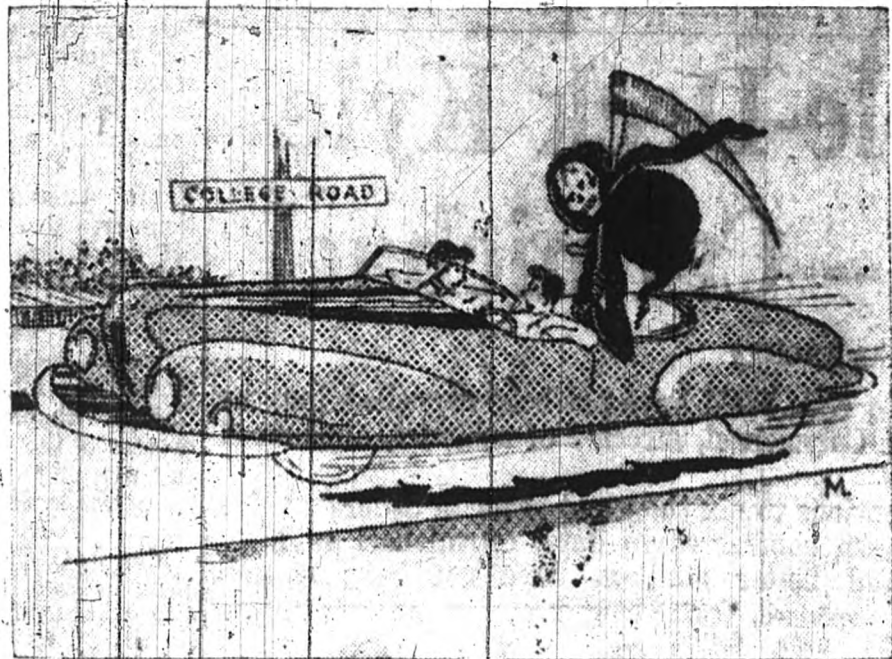
Students cannot be blamed entirely for this reckless driving, but a large share of the violations come from this quarter.

Violators fall into several distinct cat-

a large majority refuse to accept the "Stop" signs in Bryan at face value.

The greatest hazard on College Road is the speeder. A few drivers insist on driving at break-neck speed. One student was fined recently by Bryan Police for driving 90 miles per hour.

Passing the car ahead on the wrong side is a favorite of some. The fault cannot be placed on the passer because some drivers refuse to move over to the side of



egories. There is the bull dog type driver who persists in crossing the black line. This tenacious type hogs the road even when a car is approaching from the opposite direction. A large share of these violators are women.

Though not a traffic violation, many drivers insist on the long irritating blare of the horn when they pass another car. What a difference between an impolite and a polite driver!

A violation which is on the increase is the use of air whistles. The juvenile-minded individuals who own these whistles have great sport when patrol cars are not around.

Since the people connected with the college are familiar with the "Slow" signs,

the road and allow the car behind to pass. Where are the police officers?

The number of patrol cars are few, and the number of violators is too great. People will have to practice self law enforcement.

But why do people do such hazardous things?

The causes are as unexplainable as the following little poem which we found recently:

Little Willie, friends along,
Going 90, singing a song;
No problems, no worries—no cops
around,
No thinkie, no lookee, now six feet
under ground.

Were You Present? . . .

Twenty-five residents of College Station are interested in their lives and the lives of their families.

In a city-wide call Saturday, Frances Vaughn, city manager, asked for help in the garbage clean-up campaign which began at 1 p.m. yesterday. Twenty-five persons, other than the city officials, responded.

Those few people may be able to stop the polio tide by doing their share and the share of their neighbors who chose to stay at home or go riding while the campaign was in progress. Just think what could have been accomplished if all the men of College Station had gone into action yesterday.

Polio did not get its start just because one person failed to keep his premises clean. Polio will not be put under

control by 10% of the citizens cleaning up their property.

A concerted effort must be made by all. Swampy ground, garbage areas, outside toilets, and animal pens must be sprayed. Old junk, refuse, and garbage must be hauled to the dump ground.

Public opinion with a smattering of verbal needling should be applied to those areas in College Station where residents have not cooperated.

This drive must not be allowed to flutter and die within a few days. As long as the hot weather is here, all the insect pests will be with us. The city fathers can't be calling clean-up campaigns weekly to restore sanitary conditions.

Cooperate in this campaign. To paraphrase an old saying, "Put your shoulder to the garbage can."

Smith also commented on the pleasure many members of the circus had in touring the campus and taking advantage of the facilities here.

It is always with a feeling of pride that we read statements which indicate that those who visit A&M were favorably impressed with the school. This is especially true when the statements come from people who have such an unusual opportunity to visit the other schools in Texas.

We might add that any good job of selling done by the people at A&M was more than matched by the fine job which the people of Gainesville did in selling their community to those of us here.

FOR RENT—Sleeping room, suitable for couple. Man and wife preferred. 224 West Third Street.—The New Yorker.

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EVERYWHERE THAT MARY WENT...



NEAT STALLS FOR DARK HORSES . . .

Yantis Leads GOP Parade Down Broad Street in Philadelphia

By IVAN YANTIS

(Ed. Note: The following report on activities in Philadelphia prior to the Republican Convention was written especially for our readers by Ivan Yantis. Mr. Yantis is assuming the dual role of Special Battalion correspondent to the convention as well as official Republican delegate for Brazos County.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (By carrier pigeon) — My reception in this "City of Brotherly Love" was, I must say, not what I had expected. The Yantis reservation at the Bellevue-Stratford had been completely ignored.

In the lobby Harold E. Stassen had set up his headquarters and was busily passing out Coca-Cola, pretzels and potato chips. Upstairs, my candidate for the vice-presidency was bestowing upon the visitors cigarette holders and matches with the name Dewey stamped on them. As I looked at one of the buttons however, I noticed the name Thomas E. Dewey instead of Admiral Dewey was printed on it. Who was this impostor?

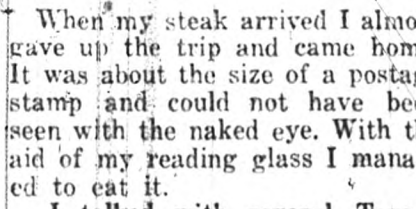
When I confronted the room clerk with my credentials (official correspondent's card bearing my signature) and asked for the cigarette-filled room with southern exposure I had requested in advance, the fellow appeared highly perturbed, and acted in such a way as to cause me to retreat to my waiting motor scooter and search for other quarters.

I chose the next most impressive building in the vicinity, the Ben Franklin Hotel. Realizing that my fame must have preceded me, I registered under an assumed name (a trick I had learned in my African travels) and, thus had little trouble in getting a room. The clerk was rather startled when I requested the room from which Ben Franklin had launched his famous kite.

Upon inspection of my quarters, I discovered that the rooms had been specially prepared for convention delegates. The walls were lined with asbestos and a special flu whisked away all excess smoke. A stall with subdued lighting was provided for any dark horses that might be present.

In the dining room, I ordered the special convention dinner (plank steak and candidate yams) and chatted with some of the local citizens. I told them that when my candidate was elected their city would receive every consideration. The Phillies would be guaranteed a place in the first division of the National League every year, and the Liberty Bell, which had remained unprepared through past administrations, would be fixed immediately.

These improvements would come, of course, after plans for Brazos County had been fulfilled. The Brazos Bottoms have gone unsurveyed too long and College Station is in dire need of an additional water tower for incoming freshmen.



When my steak arrived I almost gave up the trip and came home. It was about the size of a postage stamp and could not have been seen with the naked eye. With the aid of my reading glass I managed to eat it.

I talked with several Texas delegates. Each one tried to swing me over to his candidate but with typical Yantis loyalty I stuck to my men.

One offer was very tempting though. The Taft delegation offered to erect a statue of Sam Bass at the East Gate but I felt that my candidate would do even more good for Brazos County.

I tried to organize the crowd outside the hotel into a parade for a march to Convention Hall but there was very little enthusiasm for my candidates. However, money talks, and a few nickels in the right places soon had them shouting "Teddy Roosevelt and Admiral Dewey for the White House."

As I led the procession toward Convention Hall I felt that the people of Brazos County were with me in spirit if not in person.

'ROW HOUSES' AND OTHERS . . .

Edgewood Correspondent Dines With Teague in Washington

By T. G. SMITH

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17—While at this juncture, it is too early to present an overall picture of conditions facing those who journey to Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, this summer, your Batt correspondent can give you the highlights of the trip up.

At this time only your correspondent and Lucian L. Edgewood Arsenal Correspondent Morgan of Fort Worth have reached camp. Leaving Morgan's home in Fort Worth Monday morning, we shattered all existing records by reaching camp by Wednesday noon. The motorists were obliging (even the "Yankies" and the rides excellent.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in itself left much to be desired. The inhabitants insisted on living on cliff faces and mountain sides, piling their houses promiscuously on top of one another.

Baltimore, on the other hand, built millions of houses exactly alike and placed them all side-by-side. "Row-Houses," they called them. Very confusing.

This afternoon, Morgan, accompanied by your correspondent, journeyed to Washington, D. C. Here we called Congressman Teague, invited to the monthly-Aggie

HALLECK VISITS COLLEGE

Mark Halleck, former announcer for WTAW, visited the campus with his wife Friday. Halleck is now sports director for station WLEX at Lexington, Kentucky.

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Cats and Goats Fare Better Than Famed Houston Horses

By CHUCK MAISEL

Small towns have won another moral victory in their age-old rivalry with the big cities. The Jacksonville, Texas, Daily Progress swung a low blow on the metropolitan areas with a cutting jibe at Houston's current horse meat scandal, saying: "We don't worry about getting horse meat from Jacksonville markets. In a big city you don't know your grocer from the next guy and he'd just as soon sell you Whirlaway by the pound—in fact, he'd a little rather because there's more profit in it." Sbsia is not in a big town, but if Lassie were ever reported missing, we might all move to Jacksonville.

A Texas City bank advertised in the "Help Wanted" column of several newspapers for a president and, oddly enough, got its man. The girl who took the ad laughed but the 50 replies from all over the US proved she was wrong. After this it wouldn't be too surprising to see Philadelphia newspapers this month carrying the plea: "Wanted, one President. Interesting job as chief executive of leading country Open to mature man. Only qualification: must please everyone."

"Unfortunately," Fort Worth's wheel chair tom cat, was bored by the whole thing today, really he was. He's practically been leading a flog's life. The big white cat got its first taste of fame last week when Mrs. A. H. Cooper found him after he was hit by a car. The benevolent lady had a free-wheeling feline-size wheel chair made which enables Unfortunate to ignore his paralyzed hind quarters.

Then a \$200 hearing aid was custom built for the retired mic-catcher and an eight hour movie television test was arranged. Unfortunately unfortunately had no comment for the press.

Oklahoma City has had its goats gotten after twelve hectic hours of chase by the local constabulary. Things were going quietly at police headquarters when all the phones began to ring.

"Officers!" shouted one frantic housewife, "There's a goat eating washing off my line."

Then the Frisco Railroad called in that it had goat trouble too. Several of the whiskered mammals were eating grass between the ties keeping the switch engines bottled up.

A fence had given away at a local packing plant and 150 goats were on their own in the big city.

After fleeing the American public of \$8,000,000, Joseph (Yellow Kid) Weil is writing his autobiography to prove that he did what he did to save his suckers morals. In an exclusive interview with (P's) Hal Boyle, Yellow Kid explains that all his victims had one thing in common—greed. They all wanted to get something for nothing and this distressed honest old Weil. He began by hawking a phoney tapeworm cure and reached his peak in a \$350,000 take from an Omaha banker on a fake stock deal. But he did it all for their own good. He believed he could do more good with these object lessons so he spurred the ministry for the shake-down profession. The \$8,000,000? Gone—all gone.

Draft Bill Goes to President; Calls Possible In Ninety Days

WASHINGTON, June 21 —(AP) Congress completed its work Saturday night on a bill to draft young men for peacetime military service. It only remains for President Truman to sign it into law.

Here are major provisions of the bill.

1. Men from 19 through 25 years can be drafted for 21 months service with the army, navy, marines or air forces.

2. Up to 161,000 18-year-olds may volunteer for one year of service with the regular forces.

This was a substitute for a separate universal military training program.

3. The draft law becomes effective immediately when signed by the president but no one can be inducted for 90 days.

4. A Senate proposal for special drafting of doctors, dentists and other members of the medical profession as such was dropped. However, doctors and dentists under 26 are subject to induction the same as other registrants. Also subject to call, aside from the draft bill, are those doctors and dentists who completed education or received their training under wartime programs.

5. Overall manpower strength of the armed forces is raised to 2,065,882 divided as follows: Army 837,000, Navy and Marines 666,882, Air Force 562,000. The approximate strength of the armed services as of June 1 was: Army 648,000; Air Force 382,000; Navy 389,000 and Marines 80,000.

6. A Senate proposal to enlist 25,000 aliens in the army was dropped.

7. Registration would be limited to men 18 through 25 years and could begin as soon as the bill becomes law.

8. Most veterans of World War II would be exempt. This includes those with more than one year of active service or 90 days service between Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, and VJ Day on September 2, 1945.

9. The bill provides for expansion of civilian components, including reserves and the National Guard, with draft deferments for those who are members of active reserve units.

10. A special exemption is al-

lowed to the only surviving son of families who lost sons in the last war.

11. Conscientious objectors could be placed on non-combat duty or, if they objected, this, be deferred if the objection was found valid.

12. All draftees, 18 year old volunteers and other volunteers must go into reserve pools after completing active duty. The time for reserve liability can be reduced by serving in active reserve units such as the National Guard.

13. The president may defer "necessary men" in industry, agriculture, science and other fields. Married men and those with dependents also would be deferred.

14. High school students would be deferred from draft until they graduate or reach 20 as long as they do satisfactory class work. College students could complete the school year.

15. The president could seize plants and factories that failed to fill armed service orders at fair price.

16. The army and air force court martial system would be revised as a result of numerous complaints about military justice during the last war.

17. Drafted men would have the same right to reclaim civilian jobs that existed under the wartime draft. Wartime absentee voting rights also would be extended to those in the armed services.

18. Men in the draft age group of 19 through 25 years also could enlist in the regular army for a period of 21 months. This lowered the period for regular enlistments which had been not less than two years.

19. A passage grade of 70 in general classification tests used to test volunteers must be accepted. It resulted from complaints that the armed services had raised this passing grade to 80 points to reject many volunteers.

20. The National Selective Service Organization is re-established. It would operate much as it did during the war period.

Mrs. Hannah Ravel Elected President Of Women's Club

Mrs. Hannah Ravel was elected President of the Veteran's Wives Bridge Club for the summer term, according to Billie Lipscomb, reporter of the club.

Other officers elected for the summer term include Joanne Prater, vice-president; Eleanor Swank secretary; Hazel Parker, treasurer; Billy Lipscomb, reporter; Louise Miller, historian; and Margaret Buffington, Parliamentarian.

Before the meeting adjourned, it was decided that classes for beginners in bridge should continue during the summer. An agreement was also reached to send invitations to all wives of veterans enrolled in summer school to attend the weekly meetings.

Meetings during the summer term will continue to be held at 7:30 each Thursday evening in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA.

Salt Recommended For Hot Weather

When the thermometer goes above 90 degrees, Dr. G. W. Cox, State Health Officer, suggests that salt be added to ice water, or that more milk, which is naturally rich in salt, be added to the diet.

Heat cramps characterized by pains in the stomach, headaches, or nausea can be corrected with salt, he added. He also stated that heat cramps or heat fatigue may occur without the individual knowing he has lost any of his normal amount of salt.



IT'S FUN TO BE YOUNG . . .

But you needn't be a child to enjoy the pennant-winning flavors of our velvety rich ice cream. Delicious, nutritious, a hot weather treat.

Lilly