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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

A System for Growth And Development . . .

The action of the Board of Directors in establishing the A&M College System is compatible with the development of a greater A&M.

This action shifts over-all responsibility for the various units of the system to the new office of chancellor.

A&M outgrew its present administrative setup long ago. Indications for the future are that A&M will continue to grow, not only in the number of students enrolled, but in the number of services offered to the people of Texas. In recent years the vast responsibilities of A&M College and its sub-divisions could not be efficiently handled from this campus under a single administration. The job has been too big.

Now, with a decentralization of con-

trol which shifts responsibility for the various units of the system from this campus to the individual units, it will be possible for the units and the system as a whole to function with greater efficiency. The way is now clear for A&M to grow and develop far beyond its present stage.

The fact that the reorganization was accomplished on a logical and scientific basis rather than piecemeal or haphazardly is the best indication that its success will be assured.

We join with all friends of the A&M system in predicting a bright future. It is our hope that this new series of changes will result in the system's pursuing a more vigorous and comprehensive program on behalf of the people of Texas.

'Ike' Says No, And Means It . . .

General Eisenhower has never been a man to mince words. He proved this beyond all doubt in a recent telegram to Senator Claude Pepper of Florida who said he was going to nominate Eisenhower at the Democratic Convention despite the General's statements that he did not want the nomination.

A perfect example of how to say what you want to say, and emphasize that you mean every word of your statement is given in the text of Eisenhower's telegram.

"The public press reports that you may be considering in spite of my recent statement the presentation of my name to the Democratic National Convention for nomination to the office of presidency.

"If these reports are correct, I respectfully but earnestly request and urge that you drop such intentions because I assure you that to carry it out would result in acute embarrassment to all

concerned as well as confusion in the minds of our citizens. My decision, which has twice been made public, is based upon my sincere conviction and to the best interests of our country. Under no condition will I be in the position of repudiating or even seeming to swerve from the letter or spirit of my prior announcement. I will not violate my own conception of my appropriate sphere of duty. No matter under what terms, conditions, or premises, a proposal might be couched, I would refuse to accept the nomination. I keenly realize that your reported statements not only do me high personal honor but imply the greatest possible confidence in me. I venture to invoke the aid of that confidence in asking you to accept my refusal as final and complete which it most emphatically is."

Such finality must have relieved both candidate Dewey and future candidate Truman.

Old Time Back Woods Stumping . . .

If hard work and lots of it have anything to do with winning votes in the forthcoming state election, there is one candidate for governor who will have a lot of that type of vote on his side when election day rolls around—Caso March.

March, who was soundly defeated in the last governor's race, has taken to the stump in real, old-time fashion, and has proved himself to be a seemingly tireless worker in his effort to get his name before the people.

Having just completed a trip through West and South Texas, March says he plans to "cover East Texas like a blanket" between now and July 24. His unbeliev-

able energy has shown itself in many ways, but none has been more productive than his effort to visit every newspaper office in every town, regardless of size, in Texas and shake every hand along the way. He may miss a few, but from reports of his past activities, he won't miss many.

Regardless of the outcome of the election, the people of Texas know that the fire of old time political stumping has not burnt itself out. This can be proven by looking at the cloud of dust stirred up by Caso March wheeling a three-quarter ton truck back and forth across the state in an effort to win a two year lease on the governor's mansion.

You've heard of being poles apart. Well two prisoners bound together with handcuffs made a break for liberty in an Ohio town, but they took divergent paths around one of those supports for utility wires and their differing ways got them recaptured when they were only one pole apart.

A writer suggests that in many cases a dry wine will cure seasickness. Dry land will do it in all cases.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was told by a Security official that Congress treated President Truman's civil rights program "as a political football and refused to act decisively." But what is ever the subject of more decisive action than a football?

It is said that people with colds seldom go to see a doctor. Because, perhaps, the movies are more interesting.

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Random Thoughts . . .

South Needs Both Parties

By CARROLL TRAIL

What the South needs today is a strong Republican party. The continued practice of a one-party rule is the main factor that keeps Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, and all the others from realizing their full potentialities.

For too many years the southern vote has been taken by the Democratic party with little given in return. To be sure, during the war certain industrial plants were established in this sector, but few were maintained after peace came.

If there existed in Texas a strong Republican group where the two parties would have to compete for the comparatively large Texas electoral vote, the Lone Stars would get many of the spoils which now go to other "borderline" states. Natural gas and native ore give Texas the possibilities of being a great steel producing state as Ohio and Pennsylvania. More and better textile mills, larger stockyards and a greater meat packing industry lie within the realm of the state's possibilities.

In 1928 when the Democratic party was afraid of losing the Protestant southern vote, it brought its national convention to Houston, and with it, thousands of dollars to Texas merchants and businessmen. That, however, was the only time. Usually Pennsylvania and Illinois—whose electoral vote is the apple of each party's eye—get the conventions.

Also, the one-party rule makes for less efficient administrative officers. If southern politics were bi-partisan, competition would be keener, and a candidate would have to be of higher quality than he is now. Many candidates who are more conservative than Taft are forced to call themselves Democrats in order to insure election. These men represent neither the Democratic party nor the people who elect them.

Quite often they join forces with the opposition after election. Needless to say, the one-party system is not a healthy one. All of the checks that go with two parties are lost. There is no minority to watch the majority and report subversive activities.

If the South is to secure for itself a fair share of the pork-barrel dividends and rise up from the agriculture state of today and become an industrial center tomorrow, two parties are a must.

SNEAK PREVIEWS . . .

Entertainment, Thrills, Aged Jokes Offered by Local Movies

By ANDY DAVIS and BILLY SHIPP

"Fighting Father Dunne" (RKO) starring Pat O'Brien, Myrna Dell, and Darryl Hickman, Campus Theater.

The camera rolls back to 1905 to tell the story of a St. Louis priest who founded a home for homeless newsboys. The film's main theme, love for fellowmen, is timeless and concerns us as much today as it did people back when Father Dunne said, "You can't push my boys around."

There were juvenile delinquents in Father Dunne's time just as there are today, only Father Dunne had the courage and vitality to fight for the underprivileged.

Pat O'Brien is excellent in the role of Father Dunne, but it is really the youngsters, who look and act like real children, who have the starring role in "Fighting

Father Dunne." This is good entertainment.

"The Noose Hangs High" (Eagle-Lion), starring Bud Abbot and Lou Costello, Queen Theatre, Bryan.

Your reviewer spent an uncomfortable afternoon witnessing the current attraction at the Queen Theatre. As is usual with Abbot and Costello pictures, the audience hears jokes and comedy routines that were popular on the old vaudeville circuits back in the Gay Nineties. Your reviewer heartily suggests (See PREVIEWS, Page 4)

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Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

'No Raise, No Praise' Motto Of Striking Tunisian Priests

By CHUCK MAISEL

Things might be fine in Gloccamora but Moknine, Tunisia, is having its post-war problems. Via (AP) the flash has come telling of the strike for higher wages called by the Muezzins, Moslem priests who call the faithful to prayer. Prayer-Callers' Local 315 has so far refused all negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the dispute.

Since the beginning of the three-week-old strike, vice has increased in Muezzins by 40 percent. With no one to call them to prayer the Mohammeds' morals have gone from terrible to worse.

Spokesman for the strikers, Abdul L. Lewis, said today that accusations made by the NAM (National Association of Mohammedans), that the action was "un-Arabic," were unfounded. "No raise for us, no praise for Allah," he said.

Maybe it's the Bohemian strains in their makeup, but the French are of the opinion that thinking can't be done hurriedly. In fact it is the official opinion of the French Parliament that it takes three days to think clearly.

The Assembly passed a bill authorizing the release of a number of government employees. After passage, the bill was sent to the Council of the Republic for review. The Council can't veto a bill but act as a sort of "reflective body."

The Assembly demanded the bill be acted on at once, but the Council denounced such pressure tactics and refused to think so fast. A Constitutional crisis threatened.

Finally a joint body agreed that three days could be devoted to reflection on the

bill. Moreover, the Council doesn't have to think on Sunday. If Sunday intervenes as one of the three days, it doesn't count.

Here's a shorby proving there'll always be an England and England will be formal. A sign on a bombed building where repairmen are at work says: "Danger! Gentlemen working overhead."

A stray barking dog in Stockholm, Minn., touched off a chain reaction Einstein would have been proud of. Arnold Maki had his ire aroused by the barking of the pooch and thereupon grabbed a shot gun and went out into the night.

He tripped, the gun discharged and hit a dynamite pit setting off 100 pounds of explosive. The ensuing blast ripped off Maki's clothes, broke windows in all the farm buildings, moved a machine shed from its foundation, and stripped trees of their leaves.

Maki, cut, bruised, and badly shaken, was taken to a hospital. The dog? Apparently unnurt, he set up a din of barking to show his displeasure.

Sparrows in Bellflower, Calif., have taken to vile habits.

Sheriff deputies, at first at loss to explain a fire which destroyed the awning of a local bank, came up with this explanation: The fire evidently started from a cigaret taken to their nest by sparrows.

Orders have been issued to the effect that any person seen offering a luckie to one of the feathered population will be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

25 Cadets at Kelly Field Will Receive Commissions July 17

KELLY AFB, San Antonio, July 9—Twenty-eight students of Texas A&M College will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the Air Force Reserve at the Tenth Air Force ROTC Camp here on July 17, according to Lt. Col. D. W. Wallace, commanding officer.

The list includes: Randolph Blumberg, 339 Carnahan Ave., San Antonio; Pat Burnett, 1809 O'Neal St., Greenville; Levi Tolbert Cave, Eden; Manuel Cirilo, 6709 Myrtle St., Houston;

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