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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Let's Do Something About It . . .

Cushing Memorial Library is not a fit place for anyone to study. It is too hot for anyone to work there and the few small fans that have been provided do nothing but stir the hot, sultry air that is found in every room of the building.

Countless times in the past we have editorialized for some form of cooling system in the library. Our predecessors have worn out typewriters asking that something be done to provide some relief from the heat there, but to no avail.

The only result of our previous editorial efforts has been the addition of a few electric fans behind the various loan desks. We do not begrudge the employees of the library their fans. We believe they

should have more fans, but we also believe that fans should be placed throughout the building for the benefit of students who come to the library to study, to read, or even to loaf.

We can think of no reason for not installing fans in the library. They would cost money, sure, but it would be money well spent. Many students avoid the library simply because it is too hot for anyone to work there.

It is time for someone to take action. It is time to install window fans—big ones—on each floor and time to put standing fans throughout the building. These measures might not lower the temperature, but they will make the building fit to work in.

The Cloak of 'States' Rights' . . .

The "states' rights" faction of the Democratic Party in Texas is facing a bitter fight on September 14 when the State Democratic Convention convenes in Fort Worth. Monday the Loyalist members of the party declared verbal war on the rebellious Dixiecrats by stipulating that only those party members who openly declared themselves as supporters of the Truman-Barkley ticket would be given recognition at the convention.

This action on the part of the Loyalists is representative of growing hostility for the Dixiecrat movement throughout the South. Everyday more Southern newspapers are declaring themselves opposed to the rebellious Democrats.

The dream that the Dixiecrat movement is the forerunner of a new political party in the South appears to be nothing more than wishful thinking on the part of a few men. The movement offers nothing that has any real appeal to the majority of the nation's voters. This means that they can have no hope of creating an effective national political party, now or in the future. And, as the Arkansas Gazette points out, "In the South itself the violence of the (the Dixiecrats) approach, the excesses of their oratory, the unsavory character of some of those who have flocked to their banner and the fan-

tastic quality of their political scheming have alienated a majority of the voters in a majority of the states."

The Dixiecrats have cried loud and long that their party is dedicated to preserving "states' rights." This is not true. Their real dedication is to maintain the status quo of the South's racial minorities. The cry of "states' rights" is nothing but a cloak used to shield their real purpose.

It should be apparent to the men behind the rebellious Democrats that the South cannot reasonably expect to maintain a fixed and unchanging attitude toward its racial minorities. These men should use their misdirected energies to establish a fair and workable solution to the racial problem. If they would do this the problem could be solved in a gradual and non-disruptive manner rather than in the sordid and degrading manner now being employed.

Perhaps if the Dixiecrat leaders had realized that the odds against maintaining the status quo of racial minorities are greater now than the odds which faced their predecessors in 1860, they would have paused to think before walking out of Convention Hall. They will discover, sooner or later, that the bonds which tie the South to the past cannot remain unbroken.

Cotton Brokers Please Take Notice . . .

The terms in which cotton quotations are given seem rather drab besides those used in tobacco markets in Georgia and Florida, where auction sales are now disposing of this year's crop. It's not too much to say that these tobacco terms have a gustatory quality.

A typical report from the cotton market lists: Good ordinary, strict good ordinary, low middling, strict low middling, middling, strict middling, good middling, strict good middling.

Georgia and Florida papers have these terms in reports from current tobacco

sales:

Leaf: Good lemon, fair lemon, fair orange, low orange.

Cutters: Fair lemon, low lemon.

Lugs: Choice lemon, fine lemon, good lemon, good orange, fair lemon, fair orange, low orange.

At the bottom of the list of quotations, beneath those nice citrus designations, and at the bottom in price we find "Non-descript." Maybe you have unwillingly inhaled some of the exhaust puffs emitted by a fellow who was smoking that grade.—The Arkansas Gazette.

Jose Moreno, Philippine consul in New Orleans, said his country plans to increase trade with the United States. Day by day, we become more convinced the Philippines never wanted a complete divorce from Uncle Sam, but only a separate maintenance decree.

We are definitely against any further uplift movements—so far as prices are concerned.

From time to time some outfit or other investigates high living costs and invariably confirms our belief that they are.

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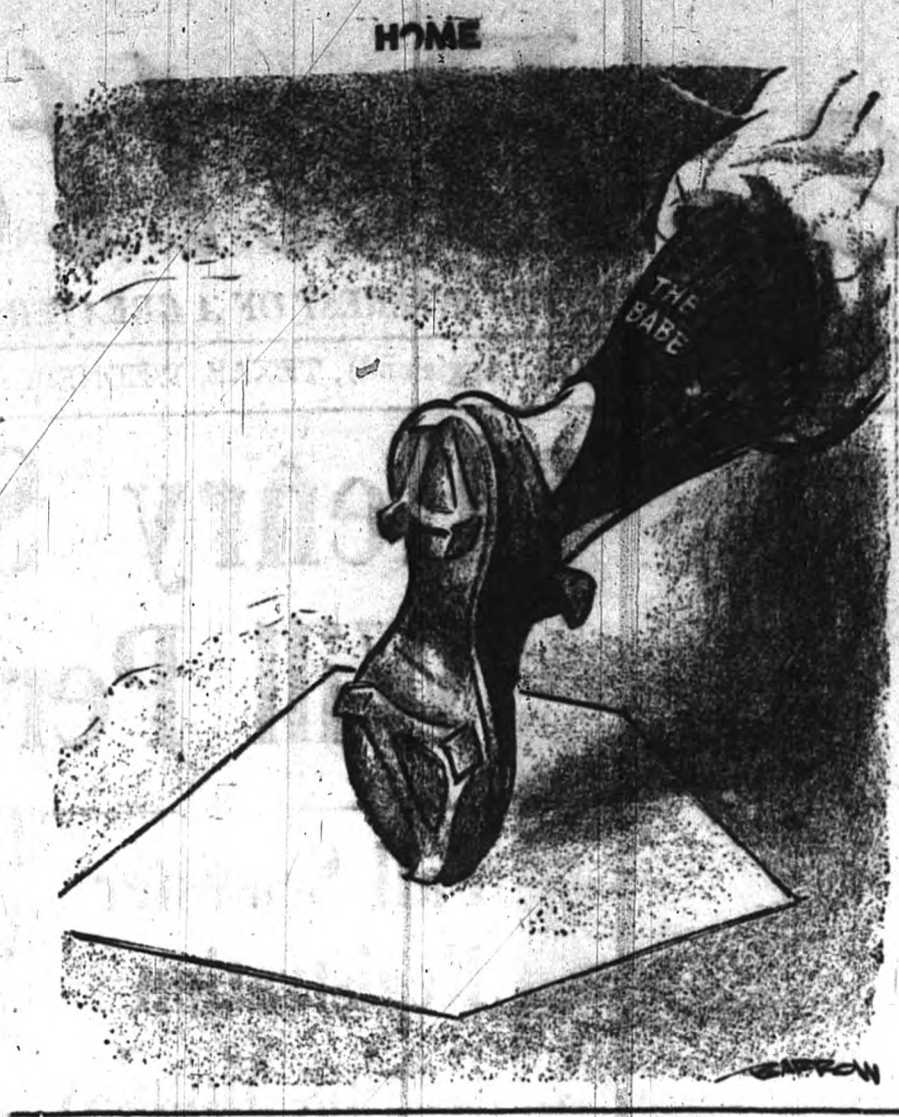
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Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL
Dear Sir:

Why is there a garage being built to be used about once every three months when shades and new desks are needed in the classrooms?

Do you realize that there is only one ping pong table to 8,000 students? I think that the situation is deplorable.

Respectfully,
T. M.

Answer: T. M., you shouldn't be so impulsive. If you would just stop and consider a moment, I feel sure that you will see the necessity of the garage.

Now the board meets about every two or three months. If you had a new car, would you like to leave it out over night for two or three nights every three months? Definitely not.

Anyway, the money shouldn't be spent on anything as superfluous as shades. The morning, or evening, sun will do you good. You'll enrich yourself with the energy-giving vitamin D which comes from the old Sol's rays.

As for the ping pong tables, apparently you are taking one of those snap schedules. You have no business playing ping pong. I have heard quite a lot of complaint about the table and paddles over there, and I have found every charge is groundless. The paddles are made of some very tough wood which permits throwing on the floor without breaking. They are even warped slightly to permit

easy cutting. With these paddles, one can get quite a spin on his serve.

New desks needed in the classrooms? Never have I heard a more absurd statement. Why that's stupid. You probably think that the seats with the arm rests gone are broken. You are wrong. The rests were purposely removed to keep the drowsy student from lying on them and falling asleep.

The removed rests are used to prop up windows whose weights are gone.

Repairs and improvements rather than a garage, T. M.? I scoff at you.

Sincerely,
M. G.

Answer: Twenty-one of the necessary 86 have ratified it, in this order: Maine, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, New Hampshire, Delaware, Illinois, Oregon, Colorado, California, New Jersey, Vermont, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Missouri, Nebraska, Virginia, Mississippi, and New York.

If there is a Republican landslide in November, it is quite possible that the amendment will be passed.

Apparently some people look for a Democratic victory. It is rumored that Missouri is trying to withdraw its ratification.

Between the Book Ends . . .

Americans Crazy, M.D. Finds In Book on Mental Disorders

By T. NANNEY

MIND AND BODY: PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE, by Dr. Flanders Dunbar. Random House: New York, \$3.50.

"People are crazy, nearly all of them, that is, eighty percent of the U. S. population needs the service of a competent psychiatrist. Fifty percent of the people in our hospital beds are there because of mental difficulties. Ninety percent of the pains of this universe are self-inflicted. We're crazy alright."

Dr. Dunbar has come to our aid. She didn't write this book for her professional associates. She wrote it for us. We need to understand the relationship between mind and body. Failing to understand we must at least recognize that there is a relationship and seek to understand. The problems of medicine and psychiatry are more than statistics; no arabic digit can accurately convey the tragedy behind a suffering body or tortured mind.

Because this book is written for us it is written in our language. It is pleasantly free of technical verbiage and theoretical obscurities. The book does not attempt to prepare its readers for the practice of psychiatry. The complexities of psychosomatic medicine are not for amateurs. The book often simplifies the difficulties of psychosomatic treatment in order to make them comprehensible, and to make their presentation more simple.

Many physical pains and disorders are directly related to mental pains and disorders. We have suspected this for centuries. We can now prove the inner relationship and make it a useful part of our knowledge. Nearly all of us know that such physical ills as ulcers, drug addiction, heart trouble, and allergies are directly related to mental difficulties. Few of us realize that the extent of mental-physical relationship goes much further than this.

The list of physical ills that are often precipitated by mental ills is astonishing: abortion, arthritis, asthma, cancer, colitis, appendicitis, constipation, diabetes, eczema, deafness, gum hemorrhoids, laryngitis, and tuberculosis are all interdependent with the mind of man. Fortunately for us, these ills can also be fought with the mind as well as abated.

Psychiatrists now work in close cooperation with physicians and surgeons so that their skills can complement the skills of the other. Great advances have been made in the accumulation of psychosomatic knowledge. The advances have been made so swift that men have not

yet been trained to apply it where it can be useful.

This country has only forty-five hundred qualified psychiatrists. It needs forty-five thousand. We still go to wild doctors for aid. This Week, Oct. 19, 1947 reported that we support twenty five thousand full time "psychoquacks" to treat us for our mental ills. The first step in remedying this situation is to inform ourselves. Dr. Dunbar's book can help us do that.

Letters

SERIOUS OR NOT?

Editors, The Battalion:

What do you think of cheating; are you for or against it? Judging from the Friday issue of the Batt, I surmise that your attitude is either one of approval or indifference. When I read that a series of articles were to be published on this subject, I assumed that the Batt was about to begin a crusade for the elimination of a deplorable practice. How wrong I was!

Instead of a crusade, you are making a farce of the matter. It seems rather inconsistent to see the subject of cheating treated as a big joke on the front page and then read on the editorial page, "When a person loses his self-respect and integrity, what he has left?" Is this a serious matter or is it not? Make up your mind!

I think it is a very serious matter. Most of the world's troubles today are caused by the fact that there are too many people who have rather loose ideas about honor and integrity. In your discussion of the "instructor's angle" you imply that an instructor who takes precautions to prevent cheating is himself a cheater. Holy smoke!

If A&M had only a normal amount of cheating, the students would consider it an insult to be checked on continually. Ordinarily one expects to find in any sizeable group a small percentage of thieves and cheats, who are looked down upon by the rest of the group. Here it almost unbelievable to find that the general attitude is expressed by the popular slogan "Cooperate to graduate"; in other words cheating is perfectly all right! In the face of such an attitude the instructor would be a fool not check on his students, and very few students are insulted when he does.

Name withheld by request (Editors' note: The Battalion is conducting a campaign to eliminate or, at least, reduce cheating at A&M.)

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Potent Water Distributed By Pipes Arouses Investigation

By JOE HOLLIS

A character in Raritan Township, New Jersey, began to wonder about his water the other day. The darned stuff had a peculiar taste and seemed to have an after effect not often subscribed to drinking water.

To satisfy his curiosity, he had it tested and was informed, that the water contained from 12 to 33 per cent alcohol. The explanation was simple. The builders put alcohol in pipes to prevent freezing during construction, and apparently it had not been removed from the pipes connected to his plumbing. Until the fire-water has been completely drained, the individual will just have to put up with the conditions.

Probably the man doesn't mind too much having to suffer the spiked water. Why it should even be a pleasure for him to get up to get his wife a drink in the night.

Perhaps campus life will be eased soon. The Federal Communications Commission has announced that since "citizen's radios" are now ready for the market, they will start issuing licenses for their operation. These camera-sized two-day radios that will soon be mass produced are patterned after the walky-talky used extensively in the war.

The uses of the midget broadcasters are unlimited. Class lectures could be much more pleasant when students start buying the things. Rotation could be practiced among the class members with one person attending class carrying one of the gadgets. The rest could then merely tune in and lie back in the sack to be educated in comfort.

A Sacramento, California, newspaper ran an advertisement recently that had a mighty

tempting offer. Directed at comfort-loving, single men it offered some convincing arguments.

The ad, which was placed by a boarding house there, said: "Bachelors, why get married? Have your private rooms. Beds made. Meals served. Laundry and cleaning service. All without the expense of a wife."

It must be admitted that it's an appealing deal but you just can't believe everything you read. How does a person know that they don't burn the toast there too. Perhaps the landlady would nag. Renting from a place like that is an important step and shouldn't be jumped into without serious consideration.

If a reader would take the above advertisement at face value, then it should have been placed in Oxnard papers too. Oxnard, a small town in California, lost one of its civic social clubs the other day. The club that flourished under the title of the Oxnard Bachelor's Club, was forced to disband because the members had resigned to get married. Nothing has been said yet but presumably the charter could be revised and the ex-members join again to form the Oxnard Baby-Buggie Pushers Club or some such organization.

A hold-up artist in Indianapolis, Indiana, was toppling for his own good. His victim asked meekly for the return of the rifled billfold. The gunman tossed what he thought was the robbed-one's wallet and left.

Six hours later the police informed the criminal of his error. He had given the man his own billfold containing his name and address.

Learned Politician Ready to Head Cause . . .

Communists Undermining Minds of People In Brazos County Revealed by Conrad Twiggins

By CONRAD TWIGGINS

I had planned to take a rest from my wearing life as a public servant. All the log rolling I've done during my political life has weakened my once strong constitution. However I feel that the people of Brazos County need me whether they realize it or not.

Things have gone too far in this proud country and we must band together to get rid of the Communists. It is indeed a serious situation when a body can't even walk on a building without being afraid of being hit by some window-jumper who's getting away from the Reds.

It has come to my attention that we in this area are not free from the menace of Joe Stalin. I guess however we must expect much treacherous activity in a region as highly industrialized as this one. Russia couldn't afford to leave the Brazos Bottoms alone.

Now my plan, which I'm sure the smart people will back up, is to appoint a Committee to spy on the Un-American thought in Brazos County and especially in Wellborn. You will need a farseeing, intelligent, justice-dealing, impartial, discriminating, and honest man to be the chairman of such a committee. I must choke down my natural modesty in the interest of the people and confess that I'm the man.

Knowing that the voters are right behind me on this investigation, I have mapped out a program already. I'll tell you a few of my plans so that you'll know just what a bulwark of democracy I'll be against the Reds infiltration.

The first thing I've got to do is close up the Economics Department. I've had my eye upon that body for some time and now is the time to strike. Friends, they have been spreading the rumor around for some time that the Post Office was a Communist deal. (There's really no difference between the Communists and Socialists which they have said that setup is.) That kind of talk has got to be stopped. They haven't fooled me with all their talk about perfect competition and their drawing them curves. That's just a red herring to confuse you people. I repeat, The Economics Department has got to go.

Next we got to get rid of the Agriculture faculty. I heard some of them the other day saying that Henry Wallace had done some wonderful things for corn raisers. Anybody that says that kind of stuff, let alone thinks it had better lose their job.

The library can't be forgotten while we move in on these hidden Russians. Someone over there has been putting some downright treasonous books on the shelf. Some of those books that I've heard about have said some awful things about the United States in general and the South in particular. I'm not sure just which person at the library is responsible for these books but I'll get 'em all fired and then we'll be sure.

There's no doubt but what the Physic Department needs a shake-up. I have been suspicious some time of the people over there and at last a break has come. I have it straight that some of those courses, mainly 311, and 412, have been teaching the students that the atom doesn't belong to America alone. They have been saying that the Russians will have their own bomb someday.

serious thinker knows. How could they ever get a bomb if we don't give them some atoms. (Any of you people interested can look up me in the records and see that I sellers too. You know "They all look alike on the inside. You can't tell your communists without a program.") Obviously then these physicists are trying to hint that the Russians should be sent atoms!

I could go on all day telling about the material I've found. But I think I'd better explain how I'll prosecute these people with UnBrazos-like thoughts.

I've contacted Paramount and Pathe and they are ready to come film the trials I'm going to hold. I might even give the television long as The Ku Klux Klan and people an invitation to televise the proceedings. I calculate that I'll get an academy award or two. I'm going to get the Assembly Hall and sell tickets. (Anybody that wants the popcorn concession just see me. I'll need several program in the records and see that I sellers too. You know "They all look alike on the inside. You can't tell your communists without a program.")

I'll put on a show that will make these boys in Washington ashamed of their investigations. I ain't even going to give them Reds a chance to say that they aren't going to answer my questions. Fact of the matter is I'm not even going to give them a chance to speak. Any fool knows there guilty and should be punished. I certainly do.

The people of Brazos Bottoms can sleep secure at night. Just as long as The Ku Klux Klan and Conrad Twiggins are around to protect you, there ain't going to be any Communists in this area.

Sneak Preview . . .

Suspense, Murder and Legs Offered by 'Sleep, My Love'

By ANDY DAVIS

SLEEP, MY LOVE (U. A. Triangle) starring Claudette Colbert, Robert Cummings, Don Ameche, Hazel Brooks, George Coulouris, and Rita Johnson.

This is another one of those psychological movies in which the husband (Don Ameche) does his best to remove his wife (Claudette Colbert) from the scene, because of his love for another woman (Hazel Brooks) of "Body and Soul".

Nightly, Ameche drugs Miss Colbert's night cap of alcohol, and when she awakens she finds herself on a train headed for Boston, or he suggests to her that she jump off her balcony into the river, and even has her seeing a wild-eyed (George Coulouris) who professes to be a psychiatrist.

Robert Cummings, a casual acquaintance of Miss Colbert's, suspects a little fly in the ointment and proceeds to justify his theories. He saves her from destruction as she attempts to jump off the balcony, and before the picture comes to a close he is much in love with her.

Hazel Brooks, as the other woman, doesn't do much acting, but she manages to keep you interested due to her brief wardrobe. Evidently Miss Brooks dislikes over-dressing, because she parades most of the time in filmy garments (under), which most certainly show her off to an advantage. (No whistling please.)

The top performances of its stars, the suspense in watching a beautiful woman's mind crumble, plus Hazel Brooks torso adds to make "Sleep, My Love" a super movie.

VA Suggests Vets Give NSLI Policy Periodic Once Over

Veterans Administration advised veterans to give their National Service Life Insurance policies periodic "three-way checks" to make certain that their NSLI programs are consistent with their plans, obligations and incomes.

The "three-way check should cover (1) beneficiaries; both principal and contingent; (2) manner in which proceeds are to be paid to beneficiaries; and (3) amount and type of NSLI in force.

Many veterans fail to name new beneficiaries when they marry or when a designated beneficiary dies the Veterans Administration said.

If a veteran dies without naming a beneficiary, or if no designated beneficiary is alive at the time of his death, proceeds of the insurance go into his estate and are subject to inheritance taxes. Final distribution of the proceeds may not then be such as the veteran would have desired.

Changes in family status or family income often require a veteran to change the method of NSLI settlement. He may elect to have his NSLI proceeds paid to his beneficiary in a lump sum or in equal monthly installments ranging from 36 to 240 months in multiples of 12 months, or a lifetime income.

The type and amount of NSLI owned by a veteran should be that which best fits his pocketbook and gives him the most coverage. NSLI policies include term, ordinary life, 20-payment life, 20-payment life, endowment at age 60, age 65, and 20 year endowment.

Dr. Dunn Elected To AVMA Position

Dr. R. C. Dunn, dean of the school of veterinary medicine has been elected a vice president of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. C. P. Zupp, St. of New York City, is the president-elect. The meeting and election was held in San Francisco.