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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Blood, Sweat, Sweat, and Tears . . .

Whether we should massage the typewriter and produce a long and soul searing editorial on your and our achievements this summer we don't know, but we aren't going to. It's too hot.

To those of our readers who have stuck with us this summer, many thanks. If you managed to glance over the paper while sitting in the stifling hot shade of the parched campus trees, we won't have worked for nothing. Another word of thanks to the boys in the print shop who have put up with us, for without their help we couldn't have drawn the pay checks

that went to keep us cool.

It's been a long, hot, dreary, unexciting summer, and the sooner it is filed away and forgotten the better it will be. Whether it was worth the 10 or 12 hours we don't know, and it's too late to do anything about it now anyway.

The temperature has been knocking the 110 degree mark for the past few days. Water is scarce. Initiative is scarcer. But try and stick it out for a few more days and then we can all say "the hell with it" and head for home in pursuit of sleep, food and happiness.

Draftees Place the Army on Trial . . .

During the next two weeks many Battalion readers will head down to their local draft boards to put their names on file. To some of them it will be an old story, and their only duty will be to file their names. To others the trip will be the beginning of a new experience.

Compulsory military training is a good thing if it is handled in the right manner. It is something that should not be dropped when the present international crisis is passed, but should be continued as long as our country retains its position of world leadership.

Whether compulsory military training will be continued depends on the Army. Many of the top generals recognize that fact and stand ready to live up to the responsibility that Congress has placed upon them. General Omar Bradley, army chief of staff, recently issued a statement summing up the army's position. It could well serve as a credo for all army men in the coming years of trial, for that is what the new draft law has done to the army—placed it on trial. Writing for Colliers Magazine, General Bradley said: "There is no longer any place in the American Army for a 'treat em rough,

tell 'em nothing' school of officers and noncom. If we are to make good use of these valuable years from the lives of new draftees, then we must offer them a healthy, moral, intellectual and social climate in which they will serve willingly—not resentfully because of force or compulsion.

"I believe that if the Army is to be a democratic instrument of this nation, then it must respect and value the basic human rights of its soldiers. It must guard their dignity, defend their integrity, and not permit these men to be pushed around unnecessarily because of the inconsiderate assumption of privileges that come with rank.

"The Army has made mistakes before—many of them. We may, unfortunately, make many more. But I do want you to know that the Army is out to prove, that not only the nation but these young men as well may profit by their service.

"The peacetime draft has put the Army on trial before a bar of critical public opinion. We will stand on the record."

Home-Grown Trampers of Liberties . . .

For the past several weeks headlines in almost every newspaper in the country have bannered the events of the congressional spy probe. What started out to be a mere routine investigation, or perhaps "red herring" depending on your political viewpoint, has, with the entrance onto the stage of the two Russian school teachers, become somewhat of an international problem.

However, there is another aspect to the case, a domestic aspect that is being talked about more and more as the investigation drags on. There is little doubt that there is communistic infiltration into the government. The people who are responsible for this infiltration should be exposed, but what about the innocent? What about the people who never knowingly or unknowingly aided the communists? Many of them are being called before the committee and are suffering because of that.

Anyone who enters the committee room suffers, for the violent efforts of the committee members to smoke out any foreign element in the government spare nobody.

Some people say, unthinkingly, that it will all "come out in the wash." It may, yes, but those people who had clean reputations thrown into the congressional laundry will find they have reputations that will be forever "damp-dry" and wrinkled because of the experience.

The conduct of the congressional committee is all the more regrettable when it is compared with the investigation carried on by the Canadian government when it was faced with a similar problem. There the guilty were investigated and their guilt was substantiated before any names were made public. It is shocking that a committee of our Congress should do less!

Foreign spies are bad, but home-grown trampers of liberties are worse.

Headline from the Philadelphia (Pa.) Bulletin, July 12: "Girls Seek Births On U. S. Track Team."

A scientist says people will live longer in the next 500 years. Sorry, we can't wait.

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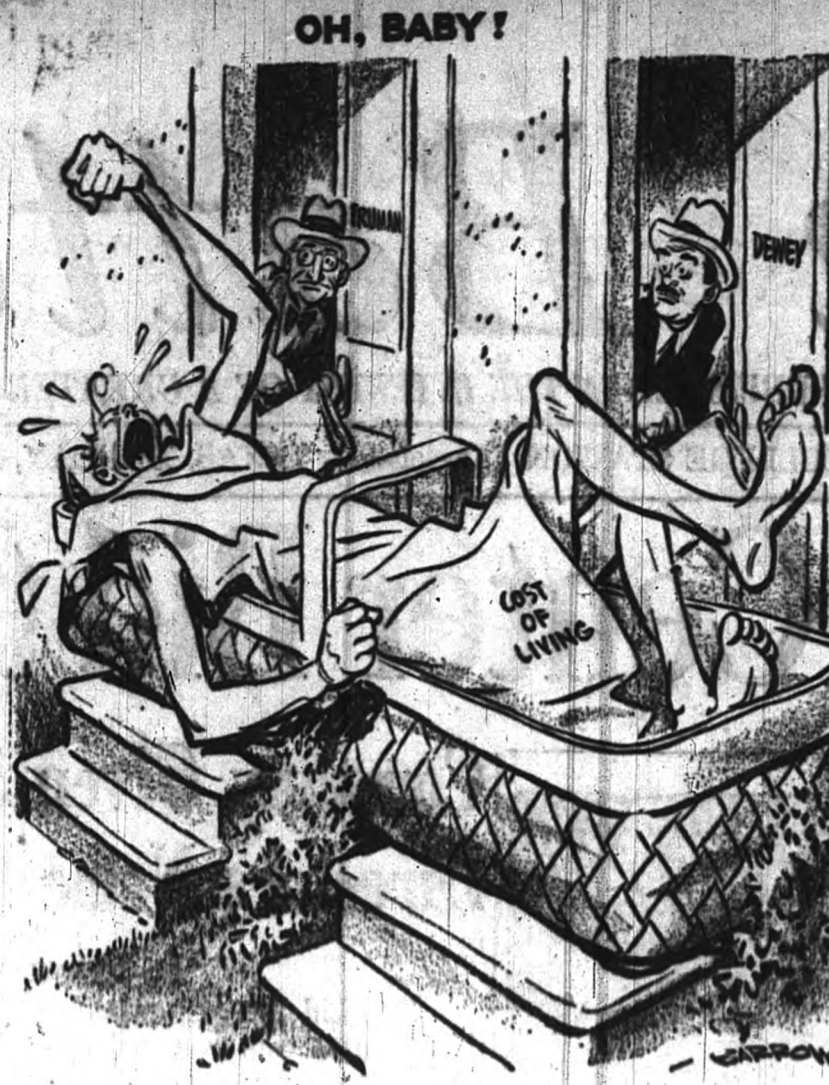
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Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir: Just recently I lost my yellow fee slip. I don't know how, when, or where; all I know is that I lost it.

Now to get a duplicate, I will have to pay 25 cents, which I haven't got. (I spent my last two bits for a card of buttons to sew on my shirt.)

I would like to have some fun and go to the highly entertaining features that Student Activities is offering at the Grove.

But since I haven't a fee slip, and the college doesn't want its chairs removed from the dormitory rooms, I find that I can't go.

I imagine there are several other fellows in the same fix. Can't you do something about it?

Sincerely,
L. K.

Answer: L. K., I recognized your problem long ago, and I am doing something. I have suggested to the head of the Fiscal Office that a new system be started concerning the issuance of the yellow fee slip.

If all goes well, beginning this fall your troubles will be over. Then, instead of writing out the receipt on yellow paper, the slip

will be tattooed on each student's arm.

Of course, this system will have its disadvantages. For one thing, the housing office will have a little trouble rubber stamping the back of the slip. And the days of the twenty-five cent charge for a duplicate will be gone forever.

However, if a man's arm is cut, broken, or mangled in any way which will distort the tattoo, the Office plans to make a duplicate on the other arm for only \$25.

Dear Sir: I read recently where gasoline is being made in solid lumps. Is there anything to this rumor?

Sincerely,
N. S.

Answer: What you heard was absolutely correct, N. S. They are experimenting with solidified gasoline, but the experiments haven't been too successful.

If they do make it into lumps, one can immediately see the great military significance it would have. It would revolutionize the fuel problem on the battlefield.

However, it would certainly have its disadvantages. If you were out driving with your girl and "ran out of gas," she could just give you a couple of lumps.

Sneak Preview . . .

Astaire and Garland Score In Tuneful 'Easter Parade'

By ANDY DAVIS

EASTER PARADE (MGM) starring Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Peter Lawford, and Ann Miller. MGM has gone all out to give you the top musical of the year. Fred Astaire returns to the screen after his short retirement, and those dancing shoes of his shine brighter than ever. With Judy Garland as his dancing partner (also on the vocals) and 14 of Irving Berlin's songs, what else can you ask for.

The time is Easter 1910, the place is New York City, and the story . . . Fred Astaire and Ann Miller are a headline dance team, only with Astaire it is a little more than just a partnership, he is in love with the gal. Miss Miller has other ideas and breaks up the team in order that she might star in the Ziegfeld Follies.

Astaire, determined to show that he can transform any chorus girl into his leading lady (even better than Miss Miller), selects Judy Garland as the fall guy. Miss Garland, as the unschooled chorus girl

trains for the act, and after much difficulty succeeds in reaching the top of the ladder and Astaire's goal. By this time she has the "sweets" (anything for a change) on him, and before the finale (the Easter Parade on 5th Ave, New York) the feeling is mutual.

You aren't wasting your time or money when you see Easter Parade. The entire family will enjoy it.

USDA Studies Improved Methods Of Ag Marketing

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is leading a movement for revision and modernization of agricultural marketing practices from the producer to the consumer. John I. Thompson, Assistant Administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration, said today.

Thompson spoke informally at a conference of Texas State PMA Committeemen and Farmer-Fieldmen at College Station. He explained the operations of the Department under the Research and Marketing Act, enacted two years ago, under which scores of research projects of basic importance of both producer and distributor already are under way.

These projects, Thompson said, include surveys of what the consumer needs and wants, of the channels through which goods move to him, and of the raw agricultural product from which the finished goods are made. They cover the farm producer, the shipper, the carrier, the processor, the wholesaler, the retailer, and the consumer.

Thompson mentioned numerous research projects on livestock, grains, fruits, and vegetables, cotton, wool and other commodities. He observed that the mohair producing industry is having some marketing troubles, and said the marketing branch of PMA is considering a research project to try to assist the producers by recapturing lost markets or finding new ones, or both.

There is urgent need for a continuous exchange of information all along the line from producer to consumer, Thompson said. Producers should try to keep advised of the kinds of products needed by processors and distributors and the latter should see that the needed information is passed back to the producer, he explained.

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Zoo Reports Tiger Suffering From Anemia and Nightmares

By JOE HOLLIS

Wild animals are certainly getting temperamental these days. It used to be that they considered themselves lucky if Frank Buck got his hands upon them rather than just some hunter, since Buck brought 'em back alive. Now, however, they practically must have hourly sedatives, psychologists studying their mental outlook, and warm milk before retiring.

At least that appears to be the situation in the Dallas Zoo where the keepers are upset over the condition of one of their prize tigers. The poor thing is reported to have anemia caused by lack of appetite, general restlessness, and stomach trouble. The ailing tiger can't seem to sleep properly and wakes up screaming from nightmares.

The veterinarian has high hopes of the animal regaining its health and the 50 pounds it has lost since the mental letdown. He has prescribed a complete rest cure with balanced meals of bloody horsemeat and vitamins. It is planned to have the tiger rest more frequently and take naps during the day.

The captive jungle beasts are probably nothing but pure and simple hypochondriacs, that sit around all day and brag about their symptoms. No doubt they talk about their cute doctors and just how much they'd like to have them for dinner.

Oklahoma is trying to take a claim-to-fame away from Texas. Some supposed authority in that state has announced that Oklahoma, not Texas, has lived under more nations than any other state. The boasting one brags that twelve nations in all have controlled that state, or a part thereof. Six of them are the same ruler's that Texas has

had: Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the United States and the Confederate States of America. The other six he claims are six separate Indian tribes which held full sovereign powers in the Eastern Section of what is now Oklahoma.

Even though Texas could well spare some of its many claims to fame and Oklahoma is in sore need of one, I don't think we should allow her to get away with this. If we give in so easily to her on this point she might just keep on boasting and eventually decide she was the biggest state in the union.

A long standing case of mistaken identity was revealed in Los Angeles, California, recently. For 13 years a parrot's owner has referred to it as "he". The truth was known. The parrot proudly laid an egg. Now the parrot has been christened a name more suitable to a mother and the owner has been wondering about the sex of the unborn, but expected.

A light fingered jewelry store customer has been forced to conclude that manners can sometimes be a detriment. The courteous individual could not restrain himself from tipping his hat adieu to a jewelry clerk. He politely but forgetfully, raised his hat only to have his shoplifting loot rain down upon him from the hat band.

A prisoner in Cleveland, Ohio, raised a row when the prison library wouldn't give him the book ordered. The officials were firm in their refusal though. They decided the literature wasn't the right type for the inmate. The desired book's title was "The Greatest Prison Breaks of All Times".

Interview Reveals Interesting Facts On WTAW Station

By CHARLES B. WILLIAMS

Through an informal interview with Johnny Holmes, a student announcer, many interesting facts are revealed about our radio station that aren't realized by most students.

Johnny, an Ag. Ed. major, has been on the WTAW staff since September, 1946, and is popular and widely known in this area as a disc jockey and M. C. He handles such programs as Johnny's Juke Box, heard each Saturday at noon, and the Coffee Club, heard Monday through Friday from 6:15 to 7:00 in the morning. He is heard again from 7:15 to 7:30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday handling Cowboy Melodies.

The staff of WTAW is under the direction of Henderson Shuffler, head of the Dept. of Information, and Frank Sosolik, manager and chief engineer.

There are three student announcers, one full time announcer, and two girls on the staff. Betty Jo Cook is the station's program director and Joyce Leverton, book-keeper.

On the broadcasting staff everyone is trained to do anyone else's job in case of emergency. Those mentioned make up the broadcasting staff and do not include the transmitter staff.

It was learned from Johnny that the station always continues operations, holidays or not. It was also learned that Milt Fretzel will be back this fall to give a play by play description of all games played at Kyle Field.

As the interview was ended, Johnny made the statement that WTAW has in the past and will in the future strive to bring Aggies and residents of College Station what they want when they want it.

Chemical Analysis Reveals Value Of Yellow Tallow Nut

Dr. W. W. Potts of the Chemistry Department, and Dr. B. R. Holland from the cottonseed research lab, have concluded a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the Chinese tallow nut to determine the food value of the nut and its potentialities as a feed for livestock.

Holland stated that the analysis showed that sufficient feed nutrients are present in the nut, but that it is impractical to grow, harvest, and process the nuts for feed alone.

He added that there were possibilities for the Chinese tallow nut in other industries and that when these products were developed, the by-products, in the form of feed, might be available to the farmers of this area.

A drive to get the trees growing in this locality is being sponsored by Fred R. Brisson of the Horticulture Department. Brisson states that the tree is easily adaptable to most any type soil.

Shad is the most valuable fish of the Atlantic Coast and next to the Pacific salmon, the most important species of North America.

Between the Bookends . . .

'Kings Row' Sequel Fails To Measure Up, Reviewer States

By CHUCK MAISEL

Paris Mitchell of Kings Row, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1948. Sequels to any great work have an unhappy habit of falling flat on their respective faces. But that is not the case of the sequel written by another author from the original author's notes.

It seems as though Paris Mitchell of Kings Row has his catch with a most resounding thud. Katherine Bellamann goes a much further way to explain this than she is qualified to write this second novel of her late husband's planned trilogy of Kings Row; "Plaza To Raise Your Children," is turning over in his grave.

Mrs. Bellamann says that she and her husband have talked of nothing during the past several years other than the characters of the new book. Their conversation must have been most boring in that area since the earliest novel has a story been filled with such wranglings.

Paris Mitchell, the hero, triumphs over his life-long enemy Fulmer Green not because Paris is strong but because Fulmer is just a wee mite weaker.

Paris' wife Elise is so Victorian that one gags whenever she enters the story—which she has so logical a place in anyway. She lives a sweet worried Victorian life, pins away in an admirable Victorian

manner, and dies with Victorian charm. Where Mrs. Bellamann deviates most from the great book written by her husband is in her depiction of the town Kings Row. This was the true value of the original work. Henry Bellamann has shown the greed, hypocrisy, and narrow-mindedness of a small town as no other modern author save Sinclair Lewis.

This latest story of Kings Row, however leaves one with the thought that the town actually is a heaven-on-earth when you get to the heart of it, and that the sign near the town, "A Good Plot To Raise Your Children," is solemn to raise.

The plot is so disjointed as to make retelling impossible. Parris Mitchell has his ups and downs throughout the 333 pages, licks the town singlehanded. The wife is put away via graveyard leaving him free to marry the woman of his choice, while still loving his wife and two other women, mind you.

Two of the books minor characters keep out of the two dimensions, however! The doomed love affair of Pamel and Dyanis, two kids from across the track, is told in the most gratifying way. The youthful emotion of these two is the literary highpoint of an otherwise disappointing story of nothing and nobodies.

New Ag Curriculum Added For Men Planning Graduate Work

By MARVIN E. RIEWE

Animal Science and Plant and Soil Science will be added to the agriculture curricula to prepare students for post-graduate work. C. N. Shepardson, Dean of Agriculture, has announced.

No new departments will be set up, Dean Shepardson stated, but students following the new curricula will get a much more thorough foundation in chemistry, mathematics, physics and biology, and will omit the general agriculture courses taken by freshmen and sophomore agricultural students.

Junior and senior students will take advanced science courses as well as advanced courses in their departments. Under this plan students will not have to take basic science courses after completing their undergraduate work in order to do graduate work.

The new curricula will lead to a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture science, Dean Shepardson said.

"The greatest shortage in agriculture is professional agriculturally trained scientists," Dean Shepardson said. "For this reason the School of Agriculture intends to watch for and select men who show the ability and interest to become trained agricultural scientists in their first semester as freshmen."

"Only men of outstanding abilities will be selected since the new curricula will be rugged," Dean Shepardson emphasized the need for such a program by stating that for the past year there have been 15 to 20 openings for agricultural scientists in the A&M

Morgan Accepts ERP Appointment

W. E. Morgan, president of A&M College of Arkansas, and formerly with the Economics Department here, has been given a year's leave of absence to accept an appointment by the State Department as deputy chief of Food and Agriculture headquarters of the European Recovery Program, Paris, France. Morgan will go to Washington, D. C. this week to be briefed and will go to France in September.