

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

SONG OF INDIA



Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir: How did A&M decide upon the color maroon and white to represent the school? I'm not displeas... with the choice—just curious. Thanks, Pat. J. C.

At any rate, I will give you what little bit of information that I could find. In 1915 when Lawrence Sullivan Ross was just a senior, A&M was struggling along under great financial stress. We were going bankrupt. No one could determine the cause of the trouble, and Ross asked Shimon (pronounced Shmoo) comptroller, to study the situation and determine the cause of the financial embarrassment.

Rodeo Discussed By Saddle, Sirlin Club at Last Meet

Plans for the Aggie Rodeo, the Little Southwestern Cattlemen's Ball, and the intercollegiate rodeo were discussed by the Saddle and Sirlin Club at their first meeting of the year last week. Committees on contracting livestock, publicity, advertising, and tickets were appointed to work on the Aggie rodeo.

Awards Presented At Cub Meeting

Achievement awards were made and plans for the new year were discussed at a meeting of Cub Pack No. 102 last week. Awards were made to James Gray, Jerry O'Brien, Kivir Dahlberg, Jack McNelly, Skipper Pfeister, Larry Leighton, and Garland Andrews.

IE Head Publishes Technical Article

"In-Service Preparation of Industrial Arts Teachers" is the title of an article written by Chris U. Groneman of the IE Department and published in the September issue of the "American Vocational Journal". Groneman discussed various types of in-service up-grading programs which are employed in some of the larger public school systems throughout the United States.



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Trampling Out The Vintage...

Finickiness As Well As Crime Found Non-Paying By Thief

By FRANK CUSHING A small-time thief in Winnipeg, Canada found out that it doesn't pay to be too choosy. If the lad hadn't been quite so finicky in his food likes and dislikes he'd probably still be a free man. He testified before the court that he really wasn't guilty, he was just the victim of circumstances. The man accused that suddenly he was overcome with an insatiable desire for pickles. A problem was posed since he had no money. At this point he hit upon the bright, but illegal idea of hitting a crook from a warehouse.

freshman who is quite a follower of the grid-iron. In fact he's been so busy rooting for the team that he hasn't gotten around to making any classes yet. Supposedly he registered and then made an early start for the vineyard. Conduct. Kudos back weren't too plentiful so he arrived at Aggie land Thursday. Friday morning, after breakfast, checking his mail box, and depositing his laundry, he stepped for Sautour. Now that you, he de true or ludicrous, is showing commendable spirit. The only drawback to his pleasant program will be the inevitable grape-punch ratio which must rear its ugly head at too soon. The patriotic one may find himself first man on the probation list instead of the twelfth man on the team. All would be sociates may take heart from a fashion announcement released recently. The report told of a brand new color which will automatically revolutionize the cuxado trade. Brilliant scarlet has been proclaimed the latest thing in the formal tan coat line. It has been lauded to appeal to any individuals as well as gay dames. With that apparel on no man could be a mouse. The possibilities are unlimited. For instance if one of those embarrassing gaps of shame entered the conversation it could be neatly filled with a loud raucous.

Letters

Editor, The Battalion:

During the past two years, I have been continually amazed and delighted at the progress and the growth here at A&M. Many things have been realized and many improvements noted, but there are still some departments that don't measure up to standard. One of these is the laundry. After three semesters of watching my dress shirts being reduced to sport shirts in three easy washings, I am forced to break my long suffering silence. No words of prose can sufficiently express my sentiments. My soul cried out in ecstasies when my Christmas gift from dear old Aunt Euphonia arrived in my room sans collar, sans cuffs, sans pin stripes, and almost sans shirt. Here is my plea in meter:

I've traveled places far and wide, Encountered misadventures on all sides. Washed my clothes in rivers too, They shooed such treatment well, 'tis true. Until that fateful day I came To this dear school of wondrous fame. 'Tis then I did discover well, That my poor clothes had met their hell. Tossed and thrown around until, They looked like pulp inside a nut. Red pencil marks on my white shirt, Four bucks they cost and does that hurt. Buttons, too, received their share Cracked and smashed beyond repair. And button holes on shirts sealed tight, To get inside is such a fight.

Why can't they press the flap down straight, No extra effort would this create. Undershirts in shirts come back, Can we be blamed for trousers to black? Purchase the piece work pay my friend, May be the cause of this sad end. This hasty work to get the cash, Makes students want to use the lath. These listed crimes which make us hiss, Do cause us all to reason thus: Since those in charge are negligent, Perhaps we need new management? Sincerely, Marvin Rice, '48

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Student Senate, Boom or Bane? . . .

128 men have filed applications of candidacy with Student Activities for seats on the Student Senate. Thirty-four of the thirty-five places have more than one man entered on the ballot. We are surprised, and pleased, that there has been such interest displayed in student government. Both military and non-military areas are plastered with campaign posters. Candidates' names are particularly ingratiating, and candidate's hind-sneaks are particularly vigorous. The whole political scene is one of active, competitive democracy. And that is a wholesome, inspiring sign. Men have filed because they are interested in student government. On the surface there seems to be no "fixing," no patronage. So long as elections remain free of those detestable conditions, everybody gains.

There Could Be A War . . .

We invite your attention to these two items which came in over the A.P. wire over the weekend. "The U. S. Military Government today banned all Soviet-sponsored newspapers and other publications from the American Zone of Germany." "The action was a reprisal for Soviet discrimination against western-censored publications in the Russian Zone and the Soviet Sector of Berlin." "It nullified an agreement reached at the Moscow Foreign Ministers Conference in 1947 when the ministers of the United States, Britain, France and Russia agreed to the free exchange of information throughout Germany's four occupation zones." "Russian anti-aircraft gunners plan to fire dangerously high in practice today in the American-British air art corridor to blockaded Berlin, the Americans charged in a protest." "The Russians also announced they would conduct bombing and fighter firing practice in the corridor, the Americans said. Asked what precautions they would take to protect traffic, the Russians said that when their own planes appeared they would stop shooting." "We believe the time has come to be a little concerned about the possibility of a real, live, shooting war. The kind that snatched a big percentage of us out of a normal life and transposed us to places and actions that we had never dreamed existed."

Since V-J day we have been watching a steadily mounting string of war-breeding developments. Most of us have taken a strictly ostrich-in-the-sand view of it all. We said that after such a tremendous and destructive war, another one couldn't possibly develop in the immediate future. We looked at all the international name calling and propagandizing as strictly a political move, mostly to keep up a tottering world economy. Now we are remembering that most conflicts have been begun by politics, and moves like these two can hardly be laughed off.

There is no greater campaign issue than war.

When publications are suspended between two countries, you lose your last chance for individual understanding. You must then rely on the reports that certain groups prepare for your consumption. And the business of indiscriminate gunnery would almost be ridiculous if it weren't so serious. When you start swinging blindly through a group of people with clips on their shoulders, your chances of having a fight are exceptionally good. With international conditions as they are now we need exactly three "incidents" such as an aircraft shot down, to be in a real war. This is the time to become serious about the situation. Our political leaders are the ones who will control our destiny. Let's bypass the personalities and hear their plans for steering us into a genuine peace.

Workers for the Carlisle (Ill.) Union Banner received a shock recently—\$100,000 bonus. It was in money from China. An Army officer had sent in \$3,250,000 of it for a subscription renewal.

WEDDING VOWS in Athens, O., according to the Washington Court House (O.) Record-Herald:

"Miss Margaret Juanita Cooper of this city exchanged vows with Mr. Marlin L. Hillard before an improvised altar of gladioli and roses."

A recent survey by a magazine shows that men seem to be going in strongly for toilet preparations and even cosmetics. Men's perfumes will probably have unique names, like "Evening at the Y.M.C.A.," and "Pool Room No. 5."

An Indiana naturalist finds more fish die of old age than lose their lives by being caught. We believe this is true, also, of Nazi war guilt defendants.

Frederick Sullens

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