

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Something We're Familiar With . . .

National Fire Prevention Week, to be observed October 3 through 9, received an unwelcome impetus from local sources.

Contributing to the staggering \$750,000,000 annual national fire loss are innumerable local fires, such as destroyed the Aggie Variety Store and the Aggrieland Record Shop.

The campus conflagration damage was estimated at \$24,000, and the owners of the destroyed buildings and stock can tell any doubting person that a fire is a disaster.

During National Fire Prevention Week fire safety campaigns will be conducted in thousands of communities. Campaigns aimed at saving lives, jobs, and property.

Ten thousand lives are lost in fires each year and President Truman has pointed out in his official Fire Prevention Week proclamation that most of them could be saved by community action.

The need of participation by everyone in these preventative campaigns is shown by the fact that fire losses in the twelve months ending June 30, 1948, were 12% higher than for the preceding 12 months and almost 100% higher than in 1943.

An attitude of "I'll take care of myself, let Joe do the same for himself" is far from being the intelligent approach to the fire question. Insurance companies figure out their rates by using the community fire loss record. When you take out an insurance policy on some of your property now or in the future, you will pay a rate based on the record of your neighbors as well as on yourself.

Work hard to prevent fires and through sensible suggestions and help get your fellow citizens to cooperate with you.

Fire means tragedy; we can not afford it.

And We Have A Shell Shortage . . .

Another outdoor season of The Grove is nearing its end, and still the needed band shell is missing.

Another season during which the students and faculty and their guests could not enjoy the full benefits of this school facility.

Why?

The Board of Directors of the College appropriated \$15,000 for the construction of a shell at The Grove during their meeting on March 20 of last spring.

Investigation has shown that plans have already been drawn for the proposed band shell. The excuse has been given that school authorities "are waiting for favorable contract conditions" before construction will begin.

It is true that we are living in an inflationary period at present, but how long do you think a student would live if he failed to eat because "food prices are unfavorable?"

It is sometimes necessary to sustain what appears to be a financial loss in order to achieve a necessary end. The band shell at The Grove is such a necessary end.

Actually the funds appropriated and expended on this project would not be lost in the sense of paying now for what might be cheaper later since most Texans' wages and incomes have increased along with the rising costs.

The approaching winter months would be the best time to work on the shell since the construction would not interfere with any activities.

Will we see and be able to enjoy a band shell at The Grove next summer?

Time for The Cleanup Campaign . . .

A new student senator we know came by today giving out cigars and accidentally gave out with a good idea.

The new office holder stated that he was so happy to triumph over his opposition that he would be willing to go around taking down both his own and his opponent's campaign posters.

Although the statement came in the heat of emotion, it sounds like a good move.

The campaign was spirited and fairly

In the Boise (Ida.) Daily Statesman, his classified:

"LOST: Between Cascade and Donnelly, wardrobe suitcase containing urgently needed baby and ladies' clothing."

SPORTS language on the AP wire recently:

"Ken Olvesen of Schenectady Blue Jays looks like the lightest pitcher in the Canadian-American League."

Warned by a public health officer that the alcohol in a highball won't sterilize the glass, let's look at it the other way: suppose the customer is boiled. H. V. Wade

fought. It would be fine to keep the clean slate by removing all the tattered signs and banners from their conspicuous places over the campus.

The winners should be happy to do most anything after winning and the losers probably want to forget the whole affair.

It was a good clean race and it seems the least we can do to have the campus follow suit.

How about it politicians?

If he can do the job, he is a first-class working man; if he watches it done, he is an expert; if he writes a book about it, he is an authority. Robert Quillen

Advertising an auction was the following appealing copy in the Lafayette (Penna.) Journal & Courier: "Lunch will be served. Not responsible for accidents."

Sports item in the Portland (Ore.) Journal:

"McKenley ran away with his heat although he is recovering from a trained groin muscle."



Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir: Unlike most of your correspondents, I insist that my name be signed to my letter. I am George W. Aldarmy, Class of '92.

I was, and I am now, a pre-veterinary major. I entered school in 1888 and completed the prescribed one-year pre-vet course. I then applied for admission to the Vet School and was turned down.

I have been here nearly every year since. Each year I have made application for admittance, and each year I have gotten the same answer: "Next year Aldarmy."

I received a bachelor's degree in biology in '92, an M. S. in the same field in '94, and a Ph.D. in biology in '97.

Still I wasn't admitted. Since then, I have received a B. S. in physics, an M. E. degree and an honorary LL.D.

In 1900 I received a Rhodes scholarship and studied bacteriology at Oxford.

And each year I continue to make application for admittance. I have been recommended by Coke Stevenson, a well-known rancher, and President Truman, a wrangler in his own right. Still I can't get admitted.

I am now 83 years old. I realize that my days are numbered; I'm not long for this world. However, I would like to realize my childhood ambition of becoming a D. V. M. before I go. Can you do anything to help the situation?

Sincerely, George Aldarmy

Answer: Well, George, I can sympathize with you. I once wanted to be a writer, but as yet I haven't realized my ambitions either.

You mustn't be too critical of the Vet Med School. They have certain standards to keep up. And even though you pay taxes to the school for its upkeep this in no way entitles you to an entrance ticket.

That "Life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" clause in the Declaration of Independence, doesn't give anyone the right to enter the Vet Med school.

One can't appreciate the selectivity of the Medics until he looks at the other schools of the college. While practically anyone can enter these schools, it must be remembered that they have no standards to keep up.

For instance, the engineering and physical science professions

are running over with half-wits and knuckle heads, because no regulations are imposed upon the various schools of study. One has only to look at the record to see these fields in the last decade.

And so you see, George, the discrimination shown in selection of students in the Vet Med field is an integral part of the honored profession.

By the way, any rumor you hear which says that the selection is for the purpose of protecting those already practicing veterinary medicine, is completely false, and you must reject it immediately.

Employee's Club Names Committee

Dr. W. W. Armistead of the school of Veterinary Medicine has been named chairman of the committee to handle arrangements for the Employees' Dinner Club this year. The club will meet the third Thursday in each month at Sbis hall for dinner at 6:45 p. m.

The October 21 meeting will welcome the newcomers to the campus. A large attendance is expected.

Any person connected with the college is eligible to join the club. There are no dues.

Armistead is asking that all persons connected with the college attend the club meetings. "In this way we can get better acquainted and we propose to make the club so interesting that every person will look forward to attending the dinner club meetings," the chairman says.

Members of the committee are Dr. B. K. Holland, Ty Timm, L. P. Thompson, G. C. McCutchan, Mrs. J. C. Gaines, co-chairman, Mrs. Fred Hale, Mrs. Grady Elms, C. H. Groneman and A. W. Melloh.

Range, Forestry Picnic Date Set

The Range and Forestry Club fall picnic was set for October 9 at the last meeting of that organization.

Barbecue steak will be served and it was planned to hold the picnic in Hensel Park.

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Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Democrats and GOP Agree On College Station Humidity

By **CHUCK MAISEL**
Surprise! Democrats and Republicans actually agree on many points. Democratic headquarters in Washington, in what is called "an effort to encourage national unity" put out a list of major issues on which they see eye to eye with statements made by Governor Dewey.

Here are a few of the comments made by the Republican presidential candidate which the Democrats say they are in complete agreement with:

"Our streams should abound with fish"—Denver, Sept. 21.

"Everybody that rides in a car or bus uses gasoline and oil"—Denver, Sept. 21.

"You know that your future is ahead of you"—Phoenix, Sept. 23.

"Ours is a magnificent land; every part of it"—Phoenix, Sept. 24.

Dewey didn't say it, but I'm sure the Dems agree:

"When it rains, it pours"—College Station, dateless.

Things are tough all over. If you married

vets think the little women bags you too much, throw away that crying towel. You ain't never had it so good.

Take the case of Arroy Sergeant Kenneth Wills. He testified in a Bristol, England, court that his wife doused him with kerosene and tried to set him on fire.

The sergeant got his decree and the judge scolded the wife for wasting precious petrol during this great crisis in England.

Here's the latest flash from the labor front. The Electrical Workers Union of Auckland, N. Z., are suing a local firm on charges of unfair labor practices.

The company in question used a ferret to pull 600 feet of wire through a conduit saving many week's work by electricians.

The ferret was lured through the conduit by the scent of a rabbit.

The union charged the company with employing an unregistered worker, paying insufficient wages, and engaging a minor.

Watch out carpenters, John L. Lewis has his eye on your saw-horses.

Mayes New Prexy Of Camera Club

Robert B. Mayes, Wichita Falls, was elected president of the A&M Camera Club in its initial meeting of the year, Monday night. George Rice, Texon, was elected vice-president; Wayne Martin, Abilene, was elected secretary-treasurer; and Paul Neff, Jr., was elected reporter.

R. D. Rivers was selected to replace A. G. Edmonds as sponsor of the club. Edmonds has retired from this position.

All persons interested in photography are invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held Monday, October 11. A series of new and different programs are planned for the coming year, and beginners and advanced camera fans should get in on the beginning of the series, Mayes said.

Letters

GOOD WORK!
Editors, The Battalion:

We would like to commend the Corps, the officers, and the Corps Chaplain for having prayer before the evening meal. It is significant, we think, that a move such as this should be made at A&M College.

In this great time of uncertainty in the world of indecision in the minds of men, this recognition of God is of the utmost importance. This evening observance will bring credit to the Corps and honor to the school.

It is our sincere hope and desire of many that you continue the evening prayer.

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