

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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## Improvement From Within . . .

Improvement of the instruction at A&M was begun last year with the inauguration of an instructor rating system.

Further improvements could be made by having students evaluate the curricula of the schools in the College.

The question of improvements has already been voiced by an official in one school. He feels that the number of students enrolled in his courses might increase if the curricula were made more comprehensive.

The most prying eyes focused on any course are those of the students who take it. Why don't we have students who have taken a course evaluate it and suggest means of improving any in which defects exist?

After the ratings of instructors were made by A&M students in the past year, many of the faculty summarized their evaluations before their classes. A majority seemed to feel that besides emphasizing the better points about their teach-

## Mr. Lewis Speaks of Mr. Truman . . .

Here are some of the remarks made by Mr. John L. Lewis, who is the president of a rather large group of working men, before a session of the representatives of that group of working men.

Mr. Lewis was speaking of Mr. Harry Truman, who is the president of another large group of working men.

"He is a man totally unfitted for the position," Lewis said to a wildly cheering, horn-blowing opening session of the UMW Convention.

His principles are elastic. He is careless with the truth. He is a malignant, scheming sort of an individual, who is dangerous not only to the United Mine Workers but dangerous to the United States of America," Lewis shouted.

The UMW leader said that Mr. Truman was "too cowardly" to put him in jail in 1946 and last spring when the president invoked injunctions to halt crim-

## So Easily Begun, So Bitterly Ended . . .

A seventy year-old man jumped from his push chair in a swank men's club. He threw down the newspaper he was reading and exploded, "If it's war they want, then, by George, we will fight 'em!"

Who will fight them? The seventy year-old man? The members of his exclusive club?

No, it won't be them. The war which they so flippantly demand is a war that you and I will fight.

The old man is paraphrased every day by millions of American people who express the same contempt for our enemies and the same resolution to fight as the old man did. But these people are the people who don't fight wars. They are the

Henry Wallace party workers who were ridden out of Augusta, Ga., were not ridden on a rail, but there are streets and roads where riding is hardly more comfortable.

ing, the evaluations pointed out those defects in their techniques which they themselves had failed to observe.

A similar system of rating courses could quite possibly mean extensive improvements. In some ways a course evaluation would be much more accurate than instructor ratings.

Students could be completely objective in their analyses of a course.

Instructors' personalities would have no place on the questionnaire. Of course the material presented in a class might well be determined by the individual teacher, but the material, not the manner of presentation, would be surveyed.

Only by utilizing all possible means of improving the curricula of A&M can we achieve our rightful position as a leading college.

The administration can make their own tasks easier by using the heretofore latent ability of the students in the interest of a greater A&M College.

pling mine strikes.

Fines totaling \$2,130,000 (M) were imposed on Lewis and the union for contempt of court orders arising from the action.

"Men have to dig coal to pay that fine" Lewis said. "How many men are going to die to pay it? How many men will break their backs to pay that fine? Harry don't care."

Mr. Lewis has previously done a great deal of good for his union. When he first began his crusades he held a large public sympathy because he was a little man representing one of the most overworked, underpaid groups in our country.

Lately Mr. Lewis has advanced to the position of a big man. He has lost and is losing a great deal of that sympathy.

Be steady Mr. Lewis, or pretty soon Harry won't be the only one who "don't care."

people who blankly support war never thinking who will fight it. They are the people who wave the boys goodbye as they leave for "over there."

What's the matter with the world? We've just fought one war which made all previous wars look like skirmishes. Europe has not cleaned up its rubble yet.

And there are those who are clamoring for another war.

We are young and it would be our war to fight. Too many of us remember the last one too vividly; From ROTC or National Guard to Army to front lines is only a matter of weeks.

That is why we cannot become enthusiastic about another war.

Mr. Truman denies that the Republican party has a monopoly on patriotism even though the Republican party has always been branded as the party of monopoly.

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## Letters

TORTURE CHAMBERS?

Editor, The Battalion:  
I wish to wholeheartedly agree with Marvin Rice in his recent exposition in meter (poem) about the whatever they call it (laundry) He certainly hit the nail on the head.

Would it be asking too much for someone to arrange organized tours through the campus laundry so that we may get a vague conception of just HOW THEY DO WHAT THEY DO?

If this request were given some consideration, and a few of us did actually observe the TORTURE CHAMBER'S operations, perhaps we could better cope with the problem at hand.

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" Phil. 2:5.

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## Camera Club Will Study Enlarging

R. D. Rivers will give a practical demonstration on photograph enlarging at a meeting of the Camera Club at 7:15 p. m., Monday October 11, in the Physics Building.

The demonstration is designed to start the beginner off right and also show the advanced student the proper technique of producing a quality print, Rivers said. He said the object of the organization is to further the interest and appreciation of photography.

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## Trampling Out the Vintage

# Many Complications Arise In Possessing Simple Name

By FRANK CUSHING

The Michigan Daily, the campus news sheet of Michigan University, tells of a man from their state who should be a cheering factor to anyone having a long, jaw-breaker of a name. The fellow is a resident of Bad Axe, Michigan. He was born, christened, and raised John Doe. John William Doe to be more specific.

Doe's life is just one series of misunderstandings. People just can't seem to realize the fact that Doe happens to be Doe and not anyone else but. John has accepted it as a normal burden and carries his birth certificate with him at all times.

The worst period of Doe's name-confusion was during his army days. Rarely would a week go by that he didn't receive at least one letter from someone who strictly followed the form prescribed by the army for writing G.I.s. Doe got himself on KP once for merely answering a Sergeant's question as to his name.

Perhaps Doe sees some laudable points to his name. His five-year-old son carries the handle of John Thomas Doe.

In a desperate fight for survival, a harassed husband filed a frantic plea for a divorce. His wife, he said "acts exactly like a frenzied Malay running amok, leaving utter destruction in her wake."

The specifications listed in the document were enough to make any love-sick youth think at least once before he took the final step.

His little bundle of charm had rubbed his clothing with a greasy ham hock, smashed Christmas gifts, left his car with every

window broken out, used hot water to ruin an expensive lounging chair and cabinet radio, chased him from his home several times with a butcher knife, ripped eight clean shirts to shreds, and dashed upon the floor a complete surprise supper he had thoughtfully prepared.

The touching bundle of frailty had better beware. Her reputation might make a second mate a little difficult to snare. Then too, they say a good man is hard to find.

Boys will be boys, but it seems that those in Henryetta, Oklahoma, are almost too much boys. The youth there just can't seem to release all their pent-up enthusiasm and energy. They have a little sport called "tag" which helps some, though.

This tag game differs somewhat in the rules from the kind played in most places. The sport's regulations state that the game starts with two cars, loaded with teen-agers, starting blocks apart and driving towards each other. Speeds as high as 60 are standard.

The idea is to see which driver has more nerve. The car that bullies and swerves aside is then in, and must chase the other auto in a game of car-tag. The driver must force the other car into a ditch, up a curb, or touch the bumper of the other car while both are moving, which then makes that car it.

Those kids are a panic with their little time-killers. No doubt they sit around and play Russian roulette on rainy days. The town ought to be a natural for an up-and-coming mortician.

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