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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Give the Cowhands Room to Rodeo . . .

Since the recent, and very successful, Aggie Rodeo, we have received a number of reports and inquiries on the probability of a new AH Pavilion being constructed. We took the inquiries to Vice Chancellor for Agriculture D. W. Williams, and this was the information he gave us.

All plans are presently in the discussion stage. College authorities are considering building two small judging pavilions and a large, outdoor rodeo arena across the railroad tracks west of the main campus. The college owns some 2,000 acres there and any new Agricultural buildings would most logically be in that area.

The two small judging pavilions would be strictly for stock classes and exhibition areas. The outdoor arena, however, would be large enough to accommodate the annual Aggie Rodeo and any other action involving large numbers of stock.

There is even some discussion of having a small horse track around the arena area and possibly a polo field nearby.

Any action on the actual construction must be passed through the board by recommendation. Temporary bleachers of the type now in the Kyle Field end zone would be used for seating accommodations.

Purely on a speculative basis, Vice Chancellor Williams said the outdoor wire arena could be ready for use in a year.

A member of the Aggie Rodeo Team tells us that several prominent cattlemen are pushing the construction of such an arena and that it might come before the board at their next meeting.

There doesn't seem to be any doubt that we need a larger arena, particularly for the rodeo. Tommy Johnson has a broken leg to prove that concrete is far less yielding than wire when you carom off it from the back of a horse.

And while the rodeo is our most recent illustration, there are several other events throughout the year that merit a larger area for animal exhibition. Even though the colleges substations are scattered over a wide area, A&M is still supposed to be the hub of agricultural and animal husbandry progress. We could use a better show window for our wares.

So friends of the school, and gentlemen of the board the ball is yours. How would you like to see the world's hottest collegiate cowhands put on their next performance in an arena big enough for a proper display of their talents?

Campaign Costs and Contributions . . .

Each year at this time political parties are required to list their contributions from outside sources. These pre-election figures were just made public by congress and give a comparatively clear picture of party interests and figures.

This release only lists the Democratic "big gift" men. If the Republican "angel list" comes through later, it will also be published.

A week before election, the Democratic National Committee today reported expenditures of \$1,503,709. The Republican National Committee said its were \$1,706,370.

The Republican report covered Jan. 1 to Oct. 18; the Democrats' from Jan. 1 to Oct. 22.

Democratic Committee contributions since Jan. 1 were listed at \$1,196,827; the Republicans, at \$1,464,753.

The Democratic Committee said it had \$315,367 on Jan. 1, making \$1,512,194 available for spending up to Oct. 22. On Oct. 22, it had a balance of \$8,485.67.

The Republican report did not list money on hand Jan. 1 or the present balance.

Meanwhile, the Labor Committee for Truman and Barkley reported receipts of \$32,535 and expenditures of \$22,653.

The 1948 campaign committee of the

International Ladies Garment Workers union reported \$115,226 received and \$63,834 spent.

Reports were handed Congress under a law requiring listings of political contributions and expenditures.

The Democratic report showed among contributors:

John W. Snyder and family \$8,000; Cordell Hull, Washington \$100; Francis Biddle, Washington \$200; Herman B. Baruch, New York \$1,500; George E. Allen, Washington \$1,500; Homer S. Cummings, Washington \$500; Nellie Taylor Ross \$800; Herbert H. Lehman, New York, \$1,000.

A. F. Whitney, Cleveland, \$4,000; Robert E. Hannegan, St. Louis, \$3,000; Gael Sullivan, \$2,000; Frank C. Walker \$500; John R. Steelman, Washington \$500; Marshall Field, Chicago \$2,500; Mrs. Marshall Field \$2,000; J. David Stern, Philadelphia \$1,000.

Tom C. Clark, Washington, \$500; Ed Rivers, East Lakeland, Ga., \$1500; William Preston Lane, Jr., Hagerstown, Md. \$2,000; Jesse M. Donaldson \$200; Louis Johnson, Washington \$3,000; Roger S. Baldwin \$100.

Kenneth McKellar \$100; Ralph Truman, Kansas City, Mo., \$1,070; J. V. Truman, Kansas City \$505; Tom Connally, Washington \$100; Raymond M. Foley, Washington \$100.

Herman Talmadge has been elected governor of Georgia after a campaign that revived the fiery philosophy and intolerant intransigence of Old Gene, but Editor Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution says Georgia is hopeful. There's always hope, even for Georgia.

Movie actress Gene Tierney reported to the New York police that jewelry worth \$15,000 had been stolen from her apartment just off Park avenue. Maybe a woman with no more jewelry than that can't live closer to Park avenue than just off.

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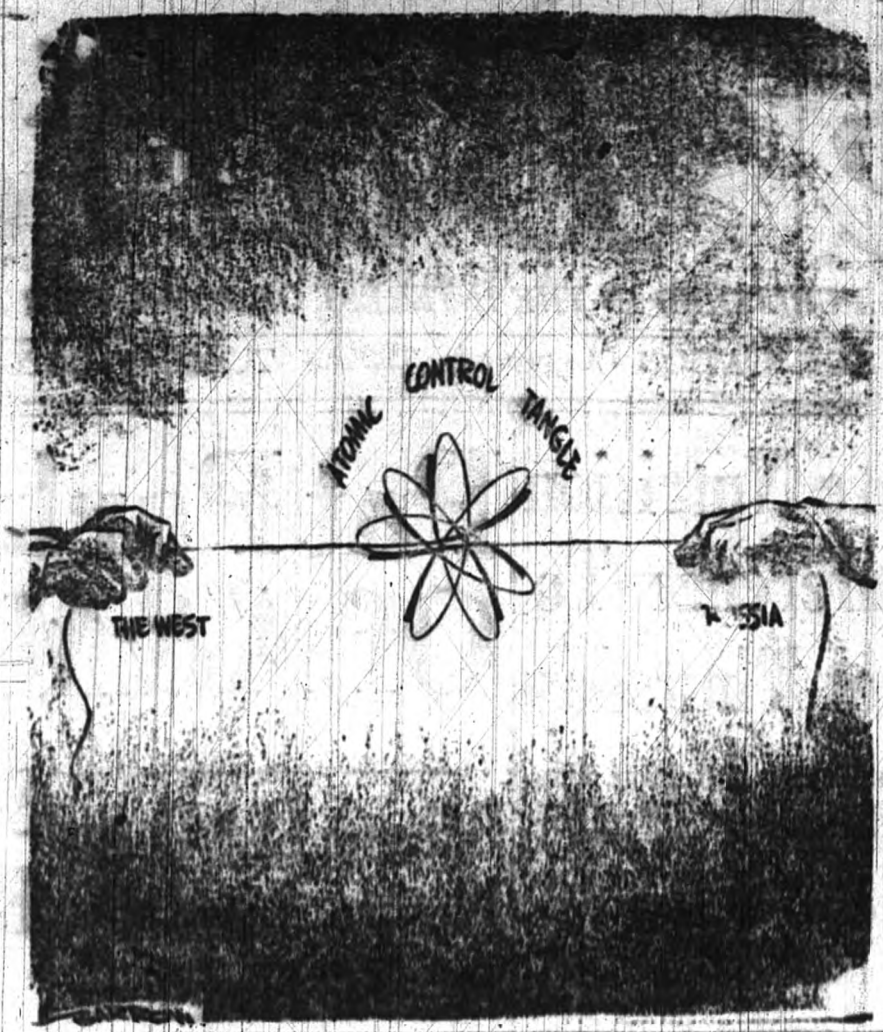
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— THE TIGHTER IT GETS



3,000 Games A Year . . .

Princeton & Rutgers Played First Football Game in '76

By CHUCK MAISEL

Autumn means but one thing to the average college student: Football. Today, 80 colleges composed of 40,000 students, play 3,000 games before 30,000,000 spectators each year in America. Baseball is going into its second century of play. Track began in the days of Grecian civilization. Basketball, though younger than these two, is getting up in the years itself. But football, as such, had its birth at the relatively late date of 1876.

Actually, there were contests before that year resembling football and basketball. The first "Wall Game" played at Eton in England. The first such "football game" in America was played at 3 p. m. November 6, 1869, at New Brunswick, N. J., between Princeton and Rutgers.

It is however, the game played under Rugby Rules in 1876 between Harvard and Yale that might really be called the first football game in America. This was the first time the ball was ever carried rather than kicked about the field.

The game has gone through a great evolution since the Harvard-Yale initial match. Originally, for instance, the center would put the ball in play by kicking it in any direction. Whenever the ball had been kicked to an open space, any runner could run with it.

Then, it was discovered that if one man would drop back from the line, the center could kick the pigskin directly back to him and he could pick it up to run.

This evolved into the center rolling the ball back with his hands when the line had become too low for kicking accurately. In 1906 the direct snap from center was perfected. Tackling was not allowed below the waist until 1888 and then it was not permitted above the knees. If a runner would bend his body forward at the waist, he stood little chance of being grounded according to these rules.

Huddles came into being at Lafayette when runners reached the campus that the opposing team knew their signals. The captain called his team back into a group and gave the signals secretly. The ball is known as the pigskin because it was originally the inflated bladder of a porker.

Until 1906, it was round in shape and reached its present type after many changes.

When Harvard developed the famous Flying Wedge, they gave rise to many mass plays which were considered quite dangerous. After a Cadet player named Byrne was killed in an Army-Harvard contest in 1905, the game underwent much criticism from the press and pulpit.

Theodore Roosevelt called a conference in the White House in 1906 which threw out nearly all existing rules except the dimensions of the goal posts (which are the same today as in 1869) and established a set more nearly like those now used.

This conference made the forward pass legal. The first forward pass ever thrown was from Sammy Moore to Van Tassel of Wesleyan in a match with the University of Middleton.

There is a record for just about everything in football. One of the oldest is that held by Sewanee since 1899. In that year the Sewanee team left the campus Nov. 7 and in six days traveled 3,000 miles, playing five games not having a point scored against them. Sunday was the only day in which no game was scheduled.

Michigan has the best record of longevity wins. Their team at the turn of the century had 55 straight victories, scoring 2,770 points to 34 for all opponents. This team, coached by the great Fielding Yost, won the first Rose Bowl game, January 1, 1902, from Stanford 49-0.

There are more traditions associated with football than any other phase of college activity. Some of the more colorful are the traditions surrounding the many football trophies over the nation. The Old Oaken Bucket, the Stanford Axe, and the Little Brown Jug are but a few.

This last trophy was used to carry water for the Michigan team in a match with Minnesota in 1903. After the game, a Minnesota student stole the jug and the Michigan student body was informed that the only way to retrieve it was to win the next year's game. Since that date, the Little Brown Jug has changed hands between the two schools according to the custom.

Letters

HERE RATTLER!
Editor, The Battalion:

No wonder we can't win a football game. We don't have a mascot. Everybody in Texas has been puzzled this year by the way the Aggies push an opponent all over the field, make two touchdowns in every game and still lose. I say its not the breaks, it's the lack of a living, good-luck talisman on the field.

Since Reville died, we have had two "acting mascots." But since Freckles "graduated" last year, we have been without a pup to call our own.

I know that it isn't easy to find a dog to carry on in the tradition of Old Tige, Reville, or Freckles. But if we want our luck to turn, we'd better start hunting.

Let Mike, Beevo, Peruna, and Josephine move over. If we can't find a live dog this year, we can at least adopt Old Rattler.

WICK VAN KOWENHOVEN

Think of This

"If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:26.

Most of us have at one time or another been mistreated or abused by someone we believed in. When this happened we become angry, and instead of forgiving, we hold a grudge or a very definite dislike for such an individual. This has made many a person unhappy for the remainder of a lifetime. God's word says that we shall be forgiven as we forgive others. (Read Matt. 18:21-35).

... by ye of good courage."

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Futile Rescue Attempt Brings Trouble to Would-be Hero

By FRANK CUSHING

If experience is the great teacher then one fellow in Peoria, Illinois should be a much wiser man today. He should now realize that it just doesn't pay to go around trying to save other people's lives.

It seems that our newly-learned one witnessed a 70-year-old man jump from a bridge in an attempt to commit suicide. Our hero scrambled out of his street clothes and dove after the elderly gent.

His rescue efforts were futile. The wet young man went back to his garments and dressed. It was then that he noticed some light-fingered fellow had removed his wallet containing \$52.25.

A dog got mixed up the other day and forgot that he was supposed to be a best friend of his owner. The confused dog came to a perfect point and aided the sheriff of Henderson County, Texas, in finding his

hidden owner.

Some people have all the luck. Being hospitalized with internal injuries wouldn't be half bad if the said injuries came about as crooner Jack Carroll's did.

The youthful Sinatra-type singer had to submit to medical treatment for the injuries sustained from having girls shove around him seeking autographs.

After much argument, a contracting company and a barber in New York struck a bargain. The company had undertaken an excavation next door to the barber's shop.

The deal is that the company will phone before setting off any jarring blasts. The barber will then have time to stop shaving customers during the explosion.

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