# Battalion EDITORIALS

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

### No Apology Necessary

We don't usually write editorials over individual football games.

We have always felt that when you mull over each contest you lose your perspective, start "supposing", and usually wind up sounding like a high school yell practice.

But on this weekend's game, we make an exception. Mainly because it was an exceptional game.

To put it simply, the Aggies played magnificent ball. The team just didn't seem to realize it was a 3 touchdown underdog. As the coach put it, "I didn't see any point in coming up here without trying to win."

And there were a few people who found it hard to believe A&M didn't win. That's how much difference there was between the expected and actual outcome

### It Ain't Necessarily So.

Many, many times in the past we have campaigned editorially for a more rounded education here in our college. There was an overbalance, we said, of technical information, an undersupply of liberal courses and not enough intelligent thought given to the electives offered

Just to give the other side an inning however, we reprint the following Table from an Arkansas Agricultural publica-

Fable of the Animal School

Once upon a time, the animals decided they must do something berok to meet the problems of a "new world," so they or ganized a school. They adouted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climb ing, swimming, and flying and to make it easier to administer, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimining. better in fact than his instructor, and made passing grades in flying but he was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to stay after school and also drop swimming to practice running. This was kept up until his webb feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable in school, so nebody worried about that except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of the class in running, but had a nervous breakdown because of so much make-up work

## The Passing Parade . . .

After the poll-takers had applied for their visas and the Democratic victory parade had marched off down the street, the Republican headquarters offered this explanation.

Governor Dewey was asked whether he believed there had been an error in strategy in the conduct of his campaign.

He replied in the negative, and said that he had talked the situation over with his vice-presidential running mate, Gov. Earl Warren of California. They agreed they had waged a "clean and constructive eampaign." He added:

of the game.

The SMU students at the post-game Sportsmanship banquet told us their cigarette consumption went up 300 percent during the last half of the ball game.

We have nothing but plaudits for Walker. He is a terrific ball player and lives up to his reputation.

But he wasn't the only terrific ball player in the Cotton Bowl Saturday. The Aggie squad was made up entirely of terrific ball players.,

Our football drouth has been long and severe. Some of our losses have been heartbreakers. Saturday the score was, but the game wasn't.

To the handlers, coaches, and players, it was a great game. They just don't play em any better.

The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground-up instead of from the tree-top-down. He also developed charlie forses from over-exertion and then got C in climbing and D in running.

The eagle was a problem child and was disciplined severely. In the climbing class he beat all others to the top of the tree.

At the end of the year, an abnormal cel that could swim exceedingly well, and also run, climb, and fly a little held the highest average and was valedictorian.

The prairie dogs stayed out of school and fought the tax levy because the administration would not add digging and burrowing to the curriculum. They apprenticed their children to a badger and later joined the groundhogs and gophers to start a successful private school.

That this is an entertaining fable and an illustration of a point, we agree. But we do have one final question. Will any of those animals, upon graduation, be forced to hold down his job by fighting a slide rule all day and then going to the boss's party that night to play bridge with the boss's wife, discuss Rise Stevens with his daughter, and answer his son's questions on why the Atomic Cloud was radio-

"We have no regret in the world."

He denied a report he would resign his gubernatorial post, dismissing it as 'pure fiction."

The conference was held in the same mezzanine room in the Hotel Roosevelt where four years ago he conceded defeat to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

One of our sports writers, an ardent poker player, offered this advice, which he said either Mr. Truman or Jack Garner could have given just as well. After sitting in a losing chair during the first go round, the Governor should have moved his chips for the New Deal.

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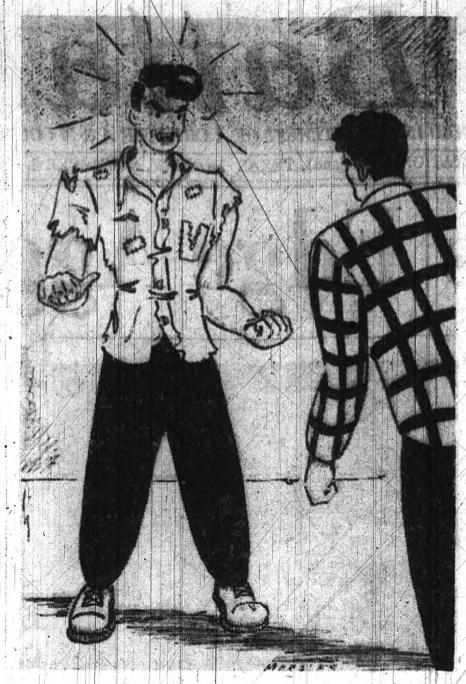
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Between the Bookends . . .

# Lustful Legend of Revolution Ridiculed by Book Reviewer

By T. NANNEY

Asylum For The Queen, by Mildred Jordan, Alfred A. Knopf. New York, 1948.

Asylum For The Queen is a historical novel more lustful than lusty. It concerns itself with the intrigues and conflicts of the

This turbulent period naturally lends itself to romantic and exotic interpretation. It is marked historically by violence, efficancry, and strength on both political and romantic levels. Mildred Jordan has presented only the corruptness of the period. She has lost the vigor of the age and retained only its lushness and baseness.

Her love scenes are lust scenes. Her most vibrant characters are vaciliating milk-sops and stuffed dandies, She creates no sympathy for the revolutionists or royalists, for her heroes or her heroines. Her efforts to describe Asylum, the American retreat of the royalists, are inadequate and unrealistic.

Mildred Jordan spent four years on the preparation of Asylum For The Queen. She could have written a much better book in four months. It takes lots of effort and time to paint such a sordid picture of man. to the exclusion of all traces of

# Think of This

"Rejoice with them that do re-joice, and weep with them that weep" Rom. 12:15. Do you recall the experience when

you were a spectator at a game in which you became so interested that every time a player moved you unconsciously leaned a little in the direction he went? Psychologically, you were entering personally into the player's experience. In the same manner we should share the happiness and the sorrow of those who play in the game of life with us. If some one wants to share with us a wonderful blessing, let us open our hearts to their joy (Read Rom. human dignity. She studied the revolutionary period too much and human beings too little.

The jacket on the book said that she has written two other books, One Red Rose Forever and Apple in the Attic. The conscientious critic should read these before passing final judgment on the author but it's hard to restrain myself.



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### **A&M** Consolidated To Get New High School Building

School District.

Final plans for the \$125,000 contruction program should be finshed by the architect soon, according to A. M. Whitis, school super-

Bonds are now being sold and bids on the two buildings should be opened November 16. Construction is expected to start soon after that

Consolidated's 14-acrè campus. The remainder of the \$125,000 bond issue will go into a high school ad-dition to the present Lincoln colored school which now serves both elementary and high school grades.

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Preliminary plans have been approved by the school board for two new high school buildings for the A&M Consolidated Independent

date, Whitis said.

Drawn by R. G. Schneider of
Houston, the plans call for a \$90,000 high school which is to be the
first brick building on the A&M

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