

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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 under-supply 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 fable from an Arkansas Agricultural publication:

Fable of the Animal School

Once upon a time, the animals decided they must do something heroic to meet the problems of a "new world," so they organized a school. They adopted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climbing, swimming, and flying and, to make it easier to administer, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimming, 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 web feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable in school, so nobody 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 campaign." He added:

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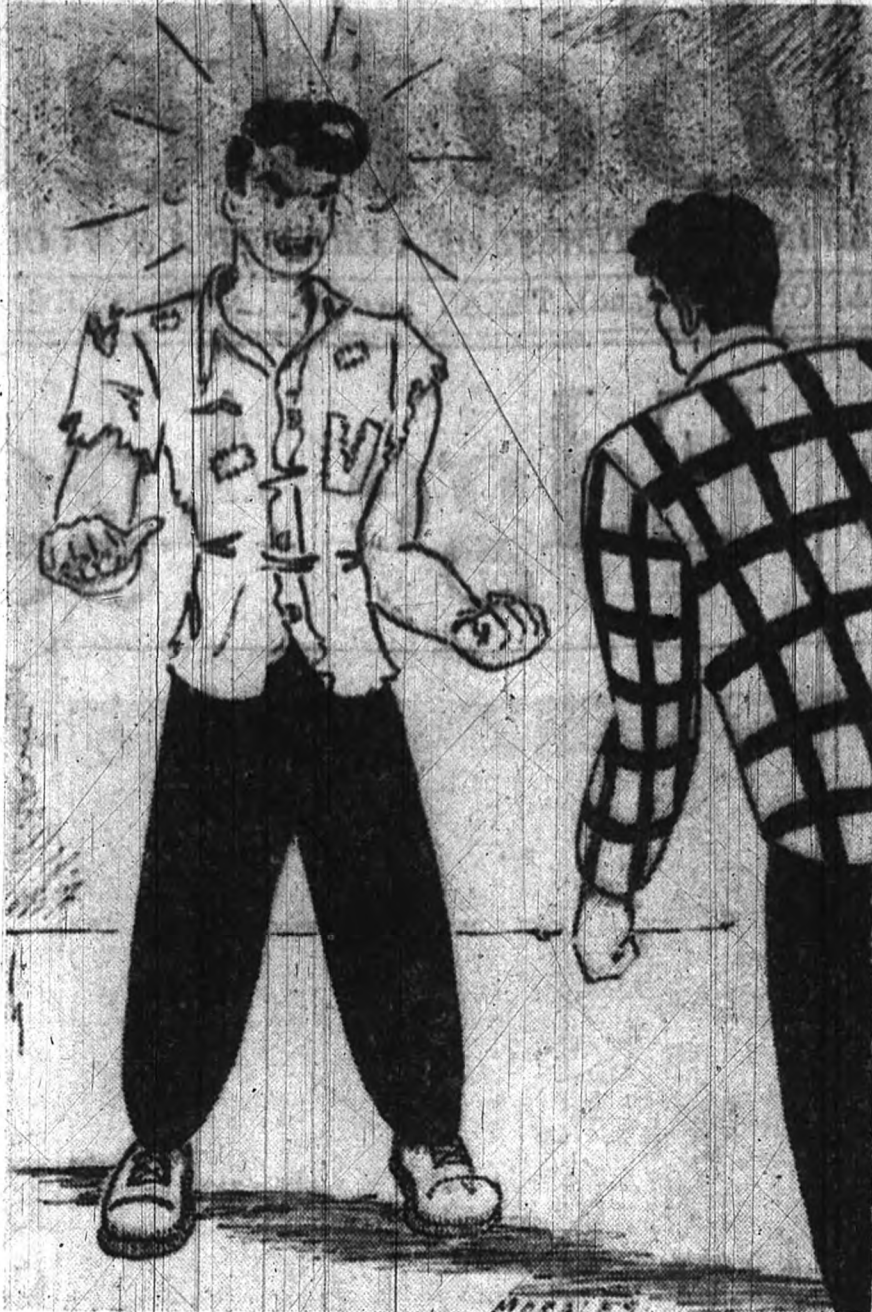
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"What d'ya mean, colorful sport shirt, it was a dress shirt when I sent it to the laundry?"

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 French Revolution.

This turbulent period naturally lends itself to romantic and exotic interpretation. It is marked historically by violence, chicanery, and strength in 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 busyness.

Her love scenes are lust scenes. Her most vibrant characters are vacillating milk-sops and stuffed dandies. She creates no sympathy for the revolutionists or royalists, for her heroes or her heroines. Her efforts to describe the royalists, 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

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

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

Final plans for the \$125,000 construction program should be finished by the architect soon, according to A. M. Whitis, school superintendent.

Bonds are now being sold and bids on the two buildings should be opened November 16. Construction is expected to start soon after that 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 Consolidated's 14-acre campus. The remainder of the \$125,000 bond issue will go into a high school addition to the present Lincoln colored school which now serves both elementary and high school grades.

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