

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Your Paint Is Expendable

How many of you car owners know that the water used by the cooling tower of the Power Plant can damage your automobile?

It can. And it probably is doing so daily if you park in the area in Boomtown just east of the tower.

The reason the spray from the tower is able to harm your car is that the water has a strong concentration of alkali and chloride. A laboratory test of the cooling tower water was made for The Battalion last July. The test showed a pH 9.6, although pH 7 is neutral, basic to phenolphthalein.

This concentration is strong enough to remove commercial car waxes and contains sufficient chloride to damage metal surfaces and cause scaling of the paint.

Spray from the tower is carried approximately 150 yards away from the source. Thus it completely covers the adjacent parking area.

At the time of the investigation last summer the manager of the Power Plant explained that following an earlier test P. J. A. Zeller of the Engineering Experiment Station had recommended draining and cleaning the tower every 6 months. Such an operation would require shutting down the Power Plant and for this reason was impossible.

At present a partial draining is made once a month with the mixture being changed down to the height of the suction pipes. The mouths of the suction pipes are

That Hilltop Hospitality

The "Twelfth Man" echoed in the Cotton Bowl while quiet lines filled out of the stadium.

Peruna haughtily pranced off the field behind the crowd following the two teams. Several hundred Aggies and Mustangs stood around listening to the SMU band playing swing music.

Mustangs and Aggies complimented each other, "Good game."

Everybody was noisier and happy. Contrast this scene with the "pop bottle incident" last year in that same Cotton Bowl, or scenes in other stadiums over the nation this year when the desire to win fed the flaming desire to fight. The resulting fights and demonstrations have brought discredit to the fans and to the

The Passing Parade . . .

The treasury reported today the budget for the current fiscal year has slipped into the red again after a long period in the black.

Treasury figures showed spending since July 1 to be \$10,422,746.91 in excess of income as of October 29, even under congressional orders not to count \$797,485,408.44 laid out for foreign aid.

Counting that expenditure, as the budget books would if Congress had not ordered otherwise for this fiscal year, the

deficit amounted to \$807,908,155.35 with one-third of the fiscal year gone.

Comparatively, there was a budget surplus of \$88,633,452.69 at this time last year, when all spending items were included.

This notice was plucked off the AP wire the same day Mr. Truman pulled his upset.

Could it have been that the treasury, like Roper, Gallup, and the stock market, was anticipating a Republican administration?

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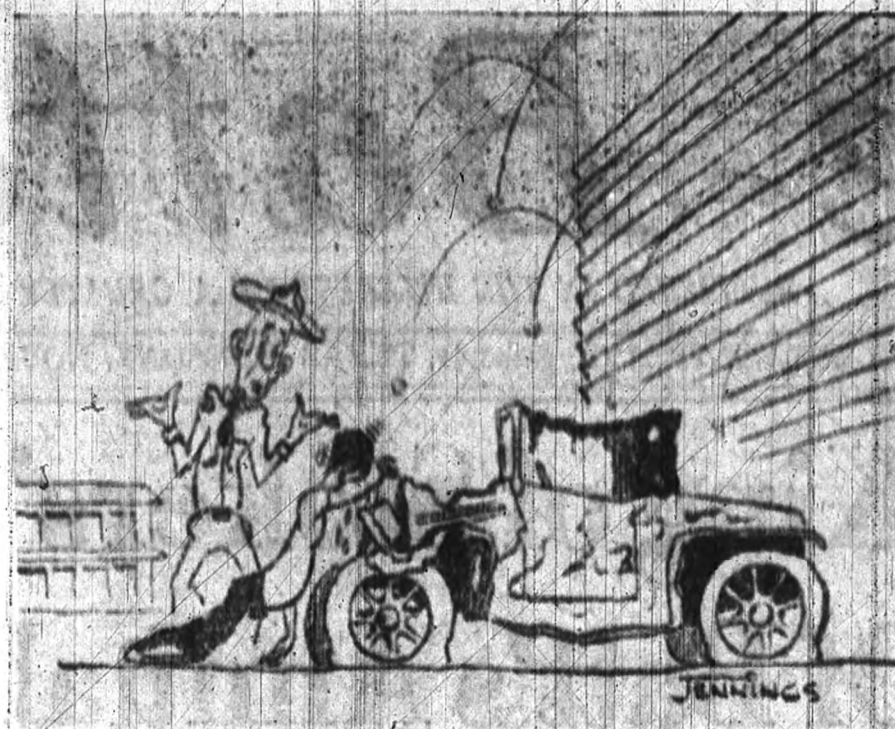
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"What are you complainin' about, this salt air would cost you \$10 a day in Galveston?"

Sneak Preview . . .

Trifling Hubby, Flirting Wife Theme in "An Innocent Affair"

By ANDY DAVIS

An Innocent Affair (United Artists) starring Madeleine Carroll, Fred MacMurray, Louise Albritton, and Buddy Rogers. (Campus)

When Madeleine Carroll suspects her husband of trifling with another woman, she takes steps to arouse his jealous nature, by hiring a man to flirt with her. The escort agency informs MacMurray of his wife's doings, and the stage is set for riotous evening.

Miss Carroll mistakes her "hired man" for a millionaire cigarette magnate (Buddy Rogers), and her husband, who is on to her little game, does all

in his power to encourage Rogers. In fact he even asks him to take Miss Carroll out dancing. Both husband and wife turn up at the same place, MacMurray with one of his clients and Miss Carroll with Rogers.

Everybody has fun including the mistaken hired man, until Miss Carroll sues her husband for a divorce. (She caught him trifling). MacMurray tries to explain that his relationship with Louise Albritton is purely of a business nature, but only gets himself more involved. As all good things must come to an end, so does the picture. After a merry chase on a train the two get their problems ironed out.

Between the Bookends . . .

California's Burma Road Is Theme of Exciting Volume

By T. NANNEY

The Land of Shorter Shadows, by Eric Stanley Gardner, William Morrow & Company, New York, 1948.

On most maps Baja California is a long expanse of blank space surrounded by a tortuously twisted coastline. Eric Stanley Gardner early became interested in that "blank area" when he studied geography in grammar school. The peninsula was marked "unexplored" in his text. That one little word eventually led him to investigate the area.

In his preliminary attempts to secure information before making his trip from Tijuana south he secured lots of information, all characterized by its contradictory nature and its colorful expansion. The 1200 mile road he was to travel was the most mysterious item of all. Some said it was impassable, some said it was fine, some said there was no road; the truth about that road is in the text of the book.

It's the American continent's parallel to the Burma Road. It's long and twisted, rough and ragged; it goes straight up and drops straight down; it has 12 to 18 inch high-centers and has no centers. It's all any road can be without losing its identity as a road.

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12 Bryan-College Residents Get \$481 In Rent Refunds

Twelve tenants in the Bryan-College Station area were helped to get rent refunds of \$481.50 during the month of October, according to figures released today by Gordon L. Benningfield, area rent director.

Sixteen petitions for rent adjustments by landlords were turned in during the same month, he said.

Twelve tenant complaints were received during the past month by his office at Bryan, and to date, compliance has been obtained in six of those cases.

Figures for the month of October bring to \$1,753.69 the total rent refunds which the Bryan Office has helped to obtain during the first 10 months of 1948.

Fifteen of the 16 petitions for rent adjustments by the landlords were approved in October and one was denied. Including the 16 petitions received last month, a total of 104 such petitions have been received since April 1, Benningfield said. Of those, 86 have been approved and 18 denied.

"Occasionally we hear it said that present laws afford no relief to landlords whose rents are controlled, but these figures refute that contention. Our office operates on the impartial policy of aiding landlords to obtain everything to which they are entitled under the law—and of aiding tenants to recover whenever they are forced to pay more than that," Benningfield said.

Think of This

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" Rom. 12:1

Religion and sacrifice are inseparable. In even the pagan forms of worship, men made sacrifices to their gods. Our missionaries tell us of children thrown into angry rivers to appease the wrath of the false gods. They brought dead sacrifice to our God. This we do when we keep our bodies pure and clean in His sight. (Read Rom. 12:1-9).

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Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Trapped Housewife Finds Chivalry Stone Cold Dead

By FRANK CUSHING

People in general weren't too popular with a Chicago housewife last week. Her estimation of the human race was rightfully low after her little mixup.

The woman was busily engaged in washing the windows of her second-story apartment from the outside. To do this she had to sit upon the window ledge and dangle her feet within the apartment. While soaping the glass she allowed the window to come down on her legs.

For no good reason the burglar lock upon the sill went into action and trapped the dismayed woman. With no method of getting in or out she sought the aid of passersby below.

She shouted to a man walking below that she was helpless and asked that he get a ladder to help her down. The perverted humorist laughed and proceeded upon his way.

The perturbed one then saw an automobile moving slowly along the street. She waved; the driver waved back. She shouted and waved some more; the driver waved back some more.

Eventually the driver harkened to her screams, stopped the car, and listened. She told her tale of woe and asked once more for a ladder. "Nuts," was the driver's sole comment as he drove off.

One more pedestrian ignored the woman's shouting. After some minutes of screaming in vain the lady got results. A neighbor heard and summoned the law.

The cops did little good since the apartment door was locked and they could find no ladder. Their only contribution was to call the fire department.

The firemen turned out to be the real heroes of the day. They entered through an

other window and released the catch which held the woman trapped.

The woman's comments upon the whole situation were: "God bless the fireman. Phooey on other people!"

Alien jeeps don't fare too well on the University of California campus at Berkeley, California. Especially are things bound to happen to the offending car when it shows a derisive attitude towards beloved Cal.

The Daily Californian, the university's daily, reported the incident. The gaudy car was not hard to spot with its red paint and white scalloped fenders.

Patriotic students stared long and thoughtfully at the insulting words "to hell with Cal" painted in bold, white letters upon the hood.

The car had a somewhat altered appearance later. The four tires were flat. The color scheme had been changed to a sloppy blue and gold—school colors of the university.

A fun-loving character in Cleveland, Ohio, enjoyed himself thoroughly while the fire department tore its collective hair.

The joy-boy saw the fire chief's car sitting empty. Without a by-your-leave he climbed in the car and drove off.

The humorist made an extensive tour of the city. For additional amusement he kept the central headquarters busy running down the false positions of his vehicle which he kept announcing over the radio.

Later he called in to the department and boasted that he had just donned the chief's hat. As a last gesture he turned on the siren for a lengthy blast.

The police finally found the car—empty once more.

Hillel Club to Hear Lecture on Ethics

Dr. Thomas F. Mayo, head of the English Department, will speak on Judaic and Hellenic ethics at a Hillel club meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 in the YMCA Assembly Room, Russ Low club president, announced today.

The Wednesday gathering will be an open meeting, Low said, and visitors are welcome. A social hour will follow the meeting.

Campus

LAST DAY

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