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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

The Marine Corps Is 173...

Today is the Marine Corps' 173rd birthday. The old cadger is pretty active for his age.

Flexing his garrison muscles in all parts of the world, the Corps is demonstrating to the home folks and others alike that senility hasn't set in yet.

The Marine Corps is our oldest defense arm. Devil-Dogs in their neck-protecting leather collars traded cutlas blows and musket shot with the enemies of our country during its infancy.

In this last tremendous conflict, the leathernecks were just as eager to take it and dish it out. They have proved over a

period of several wars that they can do both.

During the last war they were sometimes called on to give heavily. Those of us in rival arms in the Pacific theatre chided them for their intense 'esprit de corps' and pride in their outfit.

No one kidded them on their combat record. Such casualty lists as the overall 80 percent at Okinawa and the individual 120 percent of the twice-replaced first division during the Marshall's campaign speak for themselves.

Congratulations on your birthday devildogs; we wouldn't trade you for a long range atom bomb.

Has the GOP Quit Partying...

The Republicans have shown less fortitude in the last week than in any other week in the history of their party.

They have let the Democrats kid and deride them unmercifully. The news commentators, whose chief claim to omniscience is that they ride the fence, have ridiculed Governor Dewey and his cohorts as if they were idiots, scarecrows or worse.

Why haven't the Republicans kicked back? Has political defeat become so ignominious that those who lose must admit they were naive babies who worshipped false idols or held fool's idols? The Democrats won the election by a majority that was called "landslide" in our newspapers.

Truman's lead in votes could be doubled and still would not constitute a revolution. Twenty-two million voters believed in the potentiality of the GOP and the ability of Governor Dewey. Only 4 or 5 percent of the voters decided the issues of the election.

The Chicago Tribune has said some harsh things about the Republican party which are more harsh than wise. They are typical of the kicks given the loser.

"For the third time," a Republican Convention fell under vicious influences and nominated a 'me-too' candidate who conducted a 'me-too' campaign. For the

third time, the strategy failed. After this experience, we may hope, the Republicans have learned their lesson. If the same forces control the next Republican Convention, the party is finished and the millions of patriotic men and women who have looked to it for leadership will have to look elsewhere."

What is this vicious influence which they refer to? What is this 'me-too' deal? The two parties agreed on major issues. What makes the loser a 'me-too' candidate?

Dewey lost because he couldn't sell his personality; not because he lacked intelligence or initiative or character.

The American way of life is supposed to cultivate good winners. We're turning into lousy winners. We kick them when they are down. The Republicans should resent it, and we should be ashamed of it.

The recent Republican loss is a legitimate target for jokes and humor. It's funny, hilarious and indicative of the American spirit and character, but it is not a legitimate target for serious ridicule.

Those who use it for such are revealing political and personal pettiness. They have let the intoxication of two million votes send them off on an adolescent jag.

Give Once, Give Generously...

The College Station Community Chest drive began Monday, November 1.

Although the drive is made to secure contributions from residents of College Station, and to special attempts will be made to secure donations from A&M students, gifts from Aggies will be accepted.

The Community Chest plan has been in operation for some ten years throughout the country. Under this plan all charitable organizations who desire to unite in a single solicitation campaign can do so through the Community Chest.

Most persons feel that a single drive for funds is less likely to alienate contributors than many small drives which are constantly bothering prospective benefactors.

Organizations which will derive funds from the local drive are the Boy Scouts, Bryan YMCA, Consolidated Mothers' and

Dads Club, College Station Youth Program, Recreation Council, Girl Scouts, Brazos County Tubercular Association, College Station Negro Youth, American Cancer Society, and College YMCA. A sum of \$500 will be held in reserve for any local emergencies.

The first five organizations listed above will receive sums of between \$1,000 and \$1,950. Quotas for the last five groups range from \$500 to \$893. All the assigned quotas are tentative upon the attaining of the general quota of \$9,843.

A fourteen-man committee headed by J. H. Sorrells is conducting the local Community Chest campaign. This is a campaign designed to aid charitable organizations without unduly inconveniencing the residents of this community.

The cause is worthy, so make your donations as generous as possible.



"All over the nation, gay spirited college students are hiding over autumn painted hills and dales, reveling in the beauties of nature, breathing the fresh air of..."

Letters To The Editor

(Editor's Note: We have received a letter and a verse from one of our students, but he did not give his name. If this student will personally identify himself or write a letter establishing his identity, we will publish his letter and verse.)

HONEST MOTORIST

Editor, The Battalion:
On Friday, November 5, three cadets on their way to Dallas rode part of the way with me, and one of them left his shaving kit in my car.
As I do not know his name, and I'm sure he does not know how to contact me, I would appreciate your putting a notice in your paper so that this boy could contact me and get his bag.
Thank you.
S. A. Andrews
Rt. 16, Box 289
Houston, Texas.

WANTS INFLUENZA SHOTS

Editor, The Battalion:
During the recent weekend in Dallas I happened to pick up a copy of The SMU Campus and read where that school is giving flu shots, five of charge to all of its students and faculty members.
I believe we at A&M should also be given this advantage. If our hospital fund would render it impossible to provide these shots free of charge, I believe they should be given at a low, nominal cost. Possibly a cost of 25c per shot, plus help from the hospital fund would be adequate.

These shots should cover all students, faculty members, and their families. I am not advocating that such shots be mandatory, but anyone who has spent a week or two in the hospital with flu, can easily see the argument for prevention. The cost of lost school days to both students and faculty members plus additional family doctor bills to both is another argument in favor of prevention which cannot be overlooked.

I do not know in what manner the plan for giving these shots should be set up. No doubt before anything is done, the hospital committee should write SMU about their plan and the costs they have encountered. Because these shots need not be given directly by M.D.s our nurses, plus some selected student help could be used.

As to the place and time for

giving these shots, they need not be given in the hospital, unless it would be more advantageous. If more space would be needed possibly the YMCA could be used. These shots need not be given all at the same time, necessitating waiting in lines, but could be handled alphabetically over a period of two weeks or more.

These flu shots greatly interest me because while I was at Cornell University with the ASTP, during the fall of 1944, a large group of G.I.'s including myself "volunteered" as guinea pigs for the first mass Army flu tests. Approximately 250 of us received these shots in the Cornell gym, during the space of one hour.

At the time we thought it to be just something else some "brass hat" had dreamed up for lack of anything to do. The results at Cornell, together with other Army tests, proved so successful that the Army now gives flu shots as a matter of routine in the majority of its camps.

If enough interest and sentiment can be aroused I'm certain we at A&M will be given the advantage of these flu prevention measures.
Albert D. Stewart, '46.

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By JOHN W. LAUFENBERG
One of the most versatile and polished actors of The Aggie Players, Bill Krause of Houston has been selected to play the role of Horace Giddens in The Aggie Players production of THE LITTLE FOXES which is to be presented in the Assembly Hall on November 18th, 19th, and 20th.
Six foot tall, coal black hair, piercing blue eyes, and angular features mark Krause's most distinguished characteristics. Many members of the English Department have said that Bill Krause exhibits more stage presence of mind than any actor they have seen in many college productions as well as professional plays.
Appearing in an Aggie Player production for the sixth time, he is well remembered for his excellent performances as George Tesman in "Hedda Gabler," and as Dr. Gibbs in "Our Town." Horace Giddens is a sophisticated intelligent man and a believer in the decency of man; but he is too ill to battle the power-crazed lusts of his wife and of his brothers-in-law.

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